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at the port of Puerto Barrios in Guatemala yesterday after Hurricane Fifi swept through g thousands of dollars worth of damage. (AP radiophoto)

Hurricane Fifi kills 7,000 in Honduras

IGALPA, Honduras. — Me- 1 rescue workers parachuted Honduran town of Choloma ay, where at least 1,200 peo- re killed by Hurricane Fifi, nduran National Emergency tee said.

death toll estimated for Hon- based upon aerial inspections, ates between 7,000 and 8,000," ng to Col. Eduardo Andino, mmittee's coordinator.

water recedes and rescue bri- are able to get to the most t areas, we would not be ed if the figure increased," kesman said. "This is a great ."

o estimated that as many 0 of the 4,600 residents of a may have been killed.

s were purifying water and ting medicine in Choloma and owns to try to prevent out- of typhoid and other disea- ptain Carlos Fortin of the tee told newsmen.

e workers pulled bodies from aters in Choloma and threw nto mass graves, Fortin said. e operations were being d by land, sea and air in parts of hard-hit northwest as. Many persons have been by floodwaters in some areas ifi raked Honduras on Thurs- day with 175 kph winds that gusted to 225 kph.

An international relief effort began taking shape yesterday. Medical supplies, food and clothing are expected to arrive from the U.S., Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Canada, Venezuela and other countries.

Damage, flooding and thousands of homeless were also reported in El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Mexico.

Twenty-seven people were drowned yesterday in El Salvador when their homes were engulfed by a rush of water, the Red Cross said.

The British colony of Belize — formerly British Honduras — took the full force of the winds but suffered only heavy crop losses. There were no casualties, government officials reported.

Honduras was struck with terrible ferocity. Half the country's farmlands were devastated and all major cities were under swirling floodwaters.

Two hills collapsed under hammer blows from Hurricane Fifi, officials said. They formed a natural dam across a river near Choloma. The massive rains in the wake of the hurricane built up the river behind the blockage until it burst — and a massive wall of water fell on the town. *(AP, Reuter)*

Jurisdiction ruling due in Capucci trial

lem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Jerusalem District Court is e Tuesday on whether it jurisdiction to try Greek c Archbishop Hilarion Ca- in his capacity as head of ch based in East Jerusalem.

challenge to the court's ty came Friday morning he prelate went on trial on of gunrunning for the Fa- rorist organization.

four-hour opening session ostly taken up by wrangling he political status of East em and Msgr. Capucci's to diplomatic immunity.

ice counsel Aziz Shehadeh ged the court's jurisdiction e bench postponed hearings uesday to rule on the issue. urt is composed of Judges Golan, Ezra Hedaya and Ye- eiss.

Shehadeh raised the two inary questions" — over tion and immunity — before nt could reply to the ques- whether he admitted or the facts or parts of the listed in the 1,500-word sheet. The prelate, who has custody since August 18, is with maintaining contacts atah leaders and smuggling n their behalf from Beirut salem.

languages were used in the of proceedings: Hebrew, French and English, with hehadeh frequently speaking ter tongue when citing in- onal law, UN resolutions, Ot- "fermans," Israeli law and nd political statements.

By courtesy of the Court, a French lawyer, Maitre Roland Dumas, wearing an elegant gown decorated with the Legion of Honour and the Croix de Guerre ribbon, was allowed to sit with the defence after State Attorney Gavriel Bach ascertained that the guest was there "only for consultation, since foreign lawyers have no standing under state laws."

The courtroom on the second floor of the District Court on Saladdin Street was packed with newsmen and a score of local residents including brown-clad Franciscan monks, Greek Catholic parish priests and grey-garbed nuns.

Msgr. Capucci sat in the dock in his full black robes gripping a silver-capped sceptor. He was flanked by two plainclothesmen.

The clergyman earlier stood erect and listened gravely to the reading.

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Arrangements for visit of French Minister

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Final arrangements for the visit to Israel by French Foreign Minister Jean Savagnargues — now definitely set for October 30 to November 2 — were completed here Friday when he received Israel's Ambassador, Mr. Asher Ben-Natan.

Mr. Ben-Natan also raised the Arab move to put the Palestinian question on the agenda of the current session of the UN General Assembly.

ISRAELI SHOT IN JENIN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

JENIN. — An unknown gunman yesterday morning shot and killed an Israeli who was shopping in the vegetable market here. The victim was Avraham Wexler, 50, of Tel Hanan, a Haifa suburb.

Police immediately sealed off the town. Seven persons remained in detention last night of 300 detained.

Wexler, a railway machinist, had been walking in Jenin's fruit and vegetable market with his wife Nina, his daughter Hanna and several friends. At 10.50 a.m. he was shot in the back, at close range. The bullet emerged in the area of the heart. Friends said the assailant apparently used a silencer, as they heard no shot. Another bullet wounded a visiting villager, Tarek Abdul Hadi, 18, in the arm.

Wexler, a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, was dead on arrival at hospital.

LEBANESE CONTINUE PATROLS

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MISGAV AM. — Lebanese troops are continuing the increased surveillance they began on their side of the frontier on Rosh Hashana, as quiet reigned in the border area.

Observers here noted an increased number of soldiers along the hilltops. Some of them were improving positions abandoned for years.

Across the border from the Zarit area, on Jebel Balat, Lebanese soldiers were seen taking positions with mortars, military vehicles and a searchlight. The soldiers were armed with U.S. M16 rifles.

A Lebanese patrol called at the villages of Arab el-Nueza and El-Wazani on the slope of Mt. Hasbani, opposite Ghajar village in Israel.

The Lebanese government seems to be trying to prevent terrorist activities and the resulting IDF patrols and searches in the area, which arouse bitterness among the civilians. Lebanese farmers near the frontier, who spoke with this reporter through the security fence, said Lebanese officers met recently with sheikhs and mukhtars and said they would defend the villagers.

Kurdish rebels blast Iraqi oil lines

VAN, Turkey (AFP). — Kurdish forces blasted two petroleum pipelines in Kirkuk, one of Iraq's most important oil centres, the Kurdish rebel radio reported on Friday.

The broadcast, monitored in this eastern Anatolian city, said the Iraqi air force has stepped up its attacks. It also said 17 Iraqi soldiers were killed, and two tanks and three military vehicles destroyed in fierce fighting.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

An explosive charge went off last night at the back door of the Bank Leumi branch in the centre of Bethlehem, causing considerable damage but no injuries. Security forces believe it was the work of terrorists.

U.S. not expected to recognize PLO

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The United States is not expected to change its policy of non-recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) notwithstanding the outcome of the debate in the UN General Assembly on granting observer status to the terrorist organization (see 'UN votes,' page 3).

Washington will continue its current policy, which it believes serves U.S. interests in the Middle East and promotes chances for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement, according to informed sources here.

It has been Washington's policy all along not to recognize the PLO as a spokesman for the Palestinians. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has repeatedly stated that the problem of the Palestinian refugees should be solved in negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

The Secretary has also let it be known in private conversation that the U.S. does not favour the establishment of a separate West Bank Palestinian state because it could become a pro-Soviet state in a region which had traditionally been pro-West. Such a state would also threaten both Israel and Jordan.

Earlier this month State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said there are no plans at present for a meeting between high-level American diplomats and the PLO. He denied that PLO leader Yasser Arafat had asked the U.S. for a meeting with Secretary Kissinger, as had been reported in the Arab world.

MIGHT ACCEPT

Meanwhile top officials in the State Department do not believe that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's proposal for a second stage Israel withdrawal in the Sinai in exchange for an Egyptian declaration of non-belligerency, is a "non-starter." According to well-informed sources, Dr. Kissinger thinks Egyptian President Sadat might accept such a declaration, even without the support of other Arab countries.

Dr. Kissinger is expecting Mr. Rabin's government to have a preliminary plan ready for presentation to Egypt when he arrives in Israel next month.

Mr. Rabin is said to have told the Secretary during their talks here earlier this month that the Israeli plan would spell out in detail what his government means by "non-belligerency." In his public statements so far Mr. Rabin has merely stated in general terms that non-belligerency means an end to economic and diplomatic boycott.

Israeli sources here told The Jerusalem Post that Mr. Rabin's requests will include free Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal, an end to the Arab economic boycott against Israel, bilateral cultural and sports exchanges and mutual visits by journalists. Israel also reportedly asked for an Egyptian acceptance of some form of bilateral diplomatic representation, possibly interest sections.

Peace by stages for Arab non-belligerency

Rabin: Arabs must forgo force

Israel is ready to advance towards peace by gradual steps if the Arab states demonstrate equal readiness by declaring a policy of non-belligerency, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in a television interview Friday night.

While he preferred to sit down with the Arabs in face-to-face negotiations on an all-embracing peace treaty, the Premier said, "unfortunately, from my recent trip to Washington and from the almost daily declarations of Arab leaders, it appears that they are not ready for this."

If the Arabs consented to negotiations without prior conditions to sign a peace treaty, "I, for one, would be prepared to reach a compromise, perhaps even a compromise of a far-reaching nature." But this would not mean returning to the lines which existed before the Six Day War.

"I do not underestimate declarations," he said. "If we could reach a state of affairs in which an Arab state publicly declares to the world and its people that it is in a state of non-belligerency with Israel — if, in other words, it forgoes the use of force as a means of achieving a political solution — and if this finds practical expression politically, diplomatically and in other areas, then I believe we shall have taken a serious and practical step towards peace."

Mr. Rabin said that "we will no longer make withdrawals as we did in the disengagement agreements with Egypt and Syria unless we get substantive political, diplomatic and economic concessions from them.

"The goal of my Government, like that of the previous ones," he said, "is to achieve peace with our Arab neighbours. We now stand at a crossroads in our relations. If we do not progress towards peace, there is an increasing danger of war. We have made concessions and are ready to make more so as to reach a genuine peace settlement."

Mr. Rabin said Egypt appeared to be making a serious effort to rehabilitate the Suez Canal region and that one-third of the residents of Suez city had returned. "Syria, on the other hand, has openly declared that it does not intend to resettle Kunettra."

But a test of the Arab intentions regarding peace will come up with the expiration of the mandates of the UN Emergency Forces — on October 24 on the Egyptian front and November 30 on the Syrian front, he said.

"I have no doubt that the non-renewal of the mandates would constitute a serious violation of the disengagement agreements, with all its ramifications," he added.

In an interview yesterday with Israel Radio's English-language programme, the Prime Minister said there was no doubt the U.S. believed Israel must have the capability to deter war and defend itself if necessary. He said he had found in his talks with President Ford, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Defence Secretary James Schlesinger and others a readiness to translate this into deeds.

On the Palestinian question, Mr. Rabin said, he could see no reason why Israel should consider a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization. "Those who directed the murders at Kiryat Shmona, Ma'alot, Shamir and other places cannot be a partner in peace talks." Furthermore, he added, "the world in fact wants Israel to negotiate with the Arab states... At present, the PLO is not a factor to be taken into account in our political considerations."

The Palestinian problem does exist, he said, but "I am convinced that if the Arab nations truly and sincerely wanted peace, the Palestinian problem, too, could be solved in such a way that they would be able to give expression to their own identity."

Accord on emigration from USSR

But enforcement still at issue

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. and the Soviet Union have reached agreement on a programme allowing trade concessions to Russia in exchange for a liberalized emigration system for Soviet Jews, U.S. officials said Friday.

However, implementation of the understanding is being held up because of a disagreement between President Ford and Senator Henry Jackson, Democrat of Washington.

Jackson is the leader of Senate forces blocking passage of the administration trade bill because of restrictive policies by Moscow on Jews seeking to leave the Soviet Union.

The Ford-Jackson problem centres on enforcement of the agreement with Moscow, sources said. The Washington Senator wants a tightly supervised system in which the trade concessions allowed Moscow could be cancelled on short notice if it is decided the Russians have reneged.

While full details are unavailable, the Russians have agreed to allow up to 60,000 Jews to leave a year. They also have agreed to stop harrassing Jews seeking emigration permits and to ease restrictions concerning Jews who have held what Moscow officials claimed were national security positions.

In the past, any Jew who served in the Soviet Army was considered to have held a national security position, even if he were only a private.

The administration's trade bill would extend commercial equality to the Soviet Union, putting the Communist nation on the same level as Western European countries.

The matter of trade and Soviet Jews was a major portion of discussions held Friday between Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and American leaders, including President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Ford and the Foreign Minister met for more than two hours at the White House during the early afternoon, with Gromyko then acting as host at a lunch for Kissinger at the Russian Embassy.

The obvious involvement of the trade bill was underscored when Ford met with Jackson for 45 minutes just before his session with Gromyko.

The Senator told reporters after he saw Ford that "the Russians have come 180 degrees" because of "the perseverance and hard bargaining" conducted by the Ford administration.

Nevertheless, Jackson said, a final settlement of the issue has not been reached, an apparent reference to his disagreement with the President.

The Senator hinted at the problem when he said the issue is "still hung up... mainly how to handle it legislatively."

He added that Congress must keep "some real muscle... and not just rely on good faith and the judgment of the executive branch" in determining whether the Soviets are keeping the bargain.

Following his luncheon with Gromyko, Kissinger told newsmen that the finishing work on the trade bill "is an internal American matter." He said the meetings had been "very good, very friendly and very constructive."

Ford and Gromyko held another round of discussions yesterday, but achieved "no breakthrough, no agreements," a White House spokesman said.

Ford invited Gromyko back to the White House in company with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and Secretary of State Kissinger "to complete the far-ranging discussions begun yesterday," Deputy White House Press Secretary John Hushen said.

"No new subjects were brought up and the discussion was not limited to any specific subject," Hushen said. "There were no breakthroughs, no agreements in the talks, which lasted just over half an hour, he said.

Egypt seen moving towards compromise between Jordan, PLO

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Arab Affairs Correspondent

In an apparent shift of position, Egypt last night acknowledged the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestine people."

The statement did not make clear whether Egypt has climbed down from a July 18 declaration in which President Anwar Sadat endorsed Jordan's claim to represent "Palestinians residing in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

Egypt's new move came in a statement issued in Cairo last night at the end of a two-day "coordination conference" between Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam and PLO representative Farouk Kaddoumi.

There was no reaction from Jordan by late last night and Amman appeared to be studying the implications of the Cairo announcement.

The statement is ambiguous on the rival claims of Jordan and the terrorist-controlled PLO to the West Bank and the Palestinian representation issue.

But it indicates that the way remained open for a compromise between Jordan's claim to the West Bank and later "self-determination" there and the PLO's demand to establish an independent Palestinian national authority "on any Palestinian land to be liberated politically or militarily."

The statement said Egypt, Syria and the PLO have agreed to work towards a UN resolution at the current General Assembly session with the aim of affirming the Palestinians' "basic and permanent rights" including the right "to self-determination and return to their country."

The well-informed diplomatic editor of the Egyptian daily "Al-Gomhouriya" wrote yesterday that Egypt believed the participants in yesterday's Cairo conference should coordinate their positions with Jordan before the Rabat summit on October 26.

Militant terrorist groups including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and its splinter movements yesterday denounced the Cairo conference and said Fatah's participation there on behalf of the PLO was "treason" to the Palestinian cause.

The incorporation of the PLO in the Egyptian-Syrian moves appeared to be in line with recent Soviet strategy.

Meanwhile, the Soviets were over the weekend reported to be flexing their muscles anew in Middle East politics by pressing for the transfer of Arab claims to international forums where the Russians can demonstrate their presence. The move is seen as a bid to end the exclusive role played by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in the Middle East since the end of last October's war.

The Soviets may be trying to take advantage of what they view as a slowdown in the American-sponsored Middle East momentum and the decline of Kissinger's influence in the aftermath of the Cyprus crisis.

This is particularly evident in Syria which, according to western press reports, recently received two billion dollars' worth of sophisticated weapons from the Russians.

Syrian President Hafez Assad said last night his country will continue to build up its military potential "until the occupied territories are all recovered and the rights of the Palestinians are restored.

"There cannot be peace with occupation and there cannot be peace while a people remains destitute," Assad said, adding "nevertheless I would like to emphasize a basic principle — that we honestly and seriously want peace."

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather synopsis: An upper trough over the eastern Mediterranean. Another through from Iraq is moving to the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	43	14—26	15—26
Nahariya	54	18—29	18—29
Safad	61	14—25	14—26
Tiberias	26	18—34	18—34
Nazareth	34	17—27	11—27
Afula	30	17—30	17—30
Shomron	42	18—25	17—26
Tel Aviv	63	19—28	18—29
Lod	43	16—30	17—30
Jericho	33	19—35	19—35
Gaza	73	19—29	19—29
Beersheba	40	14—30	14—30
Eilat	18	22—33	22—35
Tiran	45	24—35	24—35

Social and Personal

The Apostolic Delegate, Monsignor William Carew, called on Tourism Minister Moshe Kol on Friday.

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Moshe Dayan, MK, and Mrs. Dayan were guests yesterday of the Druse village of Daliat al-Carmel, which threw a "fantasia" in their honour.

ARRIVALS

Labour Minister Moshe Baram, from meetings with Jewish community leaders in New York, Bogota and Frankfurt.

Prof. Shlomo Avineri, from a scientific symposium in Moscow.

Charles G. Smith, chairman of the Israel Bond corporate programme in Alberta, Canada, and Mrs. Smith, for a 10-day visit.

Mob attacks city inspectors

TEL AVIV. — A Jaffa mob attacked and injured six municipal inspectors Friday after the municipal workers tried to put an end to the activities of illegal vendors there.

The inspectors tried to issue summonses and evict the pedlars, who were set up in Rehov Dante. They were sent to Ichilov Hospital where they were treated for their injuries.

Following the attack, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat came to Rehov Dante and warned the crowd there that Jaffa would not become an assembly point place for street vendors.

Police last night were holding two men, 18 and 20, and a 44-year-old woman suspected of taking part in the attack. *(Itim)*

TODAY'S POSTBAG

AN AMBULANCE has been contributed to Sde Nehemia in Upper Galilee by the Dutch village of Zaalem, in honour of the kibbutz's stand during the Yom Kippur War. The Dutch village also gave the kibbutz an elaborate hand-carved wall clock for its dining room.

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THE 23,000-TON German luxury liner Europa arrived in Haifa yesterday morning for a two-day visit. The ship arrived from Beirut with some 400 passengers on a Mediterranean cruise.

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A TWO-DAY educational meeting designed to establish a direct link between the Department of Education at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and the teachers of the area will open this morning at the university. President Ephraim Katzir will participate.

STATE COMPTROLLER:
Envoys must be barred from lecturing for pay

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's consular and diplomatic workers abroad should be prohibited from giving lectures for pay, according to State Comptroller Yitshak Nebenzahl.

He made his recommendation in an opinion rendered — at their request — —to members of the new Knesset Committee on State Control.

The propriety of official Israel representatives accepting such pay was questioned several months ago by Knesset members who noted that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, while ambassador to the U.S., had accepted honorariums for talks he delivered before various Jewish organizations.

In his report, Mr. Nebenzahl notes that there is no clear-cut provision in the law that covers lectures for pay by civil servants. However, the civil service regulations say a Government employee giving lectures outside his normal duties is engaging in "private work."

Such work — permanent, part-time or one-time — is not permitted by the regulations. One general exception is made, however: a civil servant may, for payment, publish a book or article, edit a journal or give a lecture, on condition that he does not do so regularly, and that these activities do not constitute a "second profession" for him.

The regulations permit such work and other private occupations if special permission is granted by the chief personnel officer of the Government ministry concerned. The officer must notify the Civil Service Commission of all such special cases.

There are five criteria in the civil service regulations for granting permission for private work. They are:

- the work is for the public good;
- it does not adversely affect the civil servants' regular work;
- he is not competing unfairly with other persons;
- he declares his income, or profit, from the extra work;
- his side job does not involve him in any company or institution that deals with his own unit in the civil service, or any other unit with which he comes in contact in the course of his job.

Mr. Nebenzahl notes that these criteria do not differentiate between civil servants here and those stationed overseas. However, while investigating the matter to prepare his report, he learned that in March 1973 the Foreign Ministry had indeed begun compilation of a separate set of work ethics for its employees overseas.

The State Comptroller adds that these rules, which point out the prohibition against lectures for pay, were never completed or distributed.

Summing up, Mr. Nebenzahl says payment for lectures is not proper since representing Israel and explaining its position is actually the chief duty of consular and diplomatic personnel abroad. Addressing groups on Israeli affairs should certainly be the worker's main job, not a side occupation.

Further, Israel is signatory to the 1961 Vienna Treaty on Diplomatic Relations, which sets international law as it applies to diplomats' exemption from taxes, their diplomatic immunity and the responsibilities of a diplomatic corps in a foreign country. Paragraph 42 of the treaty states: "A diplomatic representative shall not engage in any profession or business for profit in the host country."

The State Comptroller calls upon the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to publish a comprehensive set of rules for Israel's representatives abroad. These rules, he says, should not only guide them in matters such as giving lectures for pay, but should also prescribe their general behaviour abroad.

Two officials to be tried in Jewish Agency scandal

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two senior Jewish Agency officials involved in the misuse of an absorption centre flat will be tried next month by a three-man disciplinary board, an Agency spokesman announced on Friday.

Yosef Vered, deputy director-general of the Immigration Department, and Yirmiyahu Eshed, director of the absorption services unit, have already been reprimanded by the Agency comptroller, Meir Ben-Zion Meiri, for their part in the "Beit Millman scandal." At worst, the disciplinary board can order them dismissed from their posts without compensation and ban them from future employment at the Jewish Agency.

The incident raised a public outcry early last month when the press disclosed that Mr. Vered's daughter, son-in-law and grandson lived in the Ramat Aviv absorption centre for four months while waiting for their own apartment to be ready for occupancy. For their Beit Millman flat, which included a kitchen, terrace and housekeeping service, Avraham and Erella Golan paid IL220 monthly rent.

The comptroller's report — which, except for five paragraphs of conclusions, was intended to be secret until someone leaked it to the press — said that the head of the Immigration Department, Uzi Narkiss, did not have prior knowledge of the incident. Mr. Narkiss, along with Yehiel Persil, one of his subordinates, and Beit Millman manager Yitzhak Ben-Asher were exonerated and will not face trial.

The comptroller reported that Mr. Vered instructed Mr. Eshed last March to allow his daughter and her family to live at Beit Millman. After Mr. Narkiss learned of this, said the comptroller, he ordered the family to leave the flat immediately.

The disciplinary court, set up last month to act on any irregularities in the Jewish Agency, Jewish National Fund or Keren Hayesod, charged Mr. Eshed and Mr. Vered with specific violations. Only three of the full 14-member court will judge the case, beginning on October 9. The sessions will be closed to the public and the press.

TWO DROWN

The body of a 24-year-old Jerusalem man who drowned while swimming was found yesterday by a search party off Kibbutz Palmahim, on the Mediterranean coast. During the day a Western Galilee baby drowned when his chair toppled over into a pan of water.

Yosef Ben-Gigi had been swimming near the kibbutz on Wednesday with another young man and two young women when he was dragged down by a sudden eddy. His friends called police, who searched for days, even using a helicopter. But it was not until yesterday that a Coast Guard boat found the body, 500 metres offshore.

Six-month-old Ashtal Malham was sitting in his highchair in Makr village yesterday when it suddenly toppled over and thrust his head into a pan of water his parents had left nearby. The child was rushed to hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival. *(Itim)*

Peter Kanderal, Swiss tennis star, used a wide variety of shots to dispose of Yosef Stabholz in one of yesterday's singles matches in the European Zone Davis Cup tie between Switzerland and Israel. (Alexander Suesskind)

Swiss tennis team gets 3-0 lead over Israel

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Switzerland took a winning 3-0 lead over Israel yesterday in the second-round European Zone Davis Cup tie here. The Swiss, who did not concede one set to the hosts, thus qualified for an away match against West Germany in the third round of the 1974/75 competition.

In the two opening singles, Israel's veteran Davis Cup players Yehoshua Shalem and Yosef Stabholz both took their opponents to 8-6 in the first set, but were then outclassed for the remainder of their matches. Peter Kanderal defeated Stabholz 8-6, 6-1, 6-0; and Dimitri Sturdza came through 8-6, 6-2, 6-3 against Shalem.

Kanderal, 26, who is tied with Sturdza this year as Swiss No. 1, got off to a shaky start against Stabholz, 29, as the Israeli went into a 3-1 lead. However, the visitor's aggressive game gradually gave him the upper hand.

Stabholz contributed to his own downfall by serving 14 double faults. Kanderal, who reached the third round at Wimbledon in July, displayed a wide variety of shots in the 100-minute contest.

Local champion Shalem, 30, played his customary baseline game against the hard-hitting Sturdza, who was born a prince in Rumania 36 years ago and is now making his 15th Davis Cup appearance for his adopted country. The 1.88 metre-tall guest often thrilled the gallery with his cannon-ball service.

In yesterday's doubles, Sturdza and Mathias Werren served and volleyed their way to a 9-7, 6-3, 7-5 victory over Stabholz and Yair Wertheimer in another 100-minute match.

The event will conclude today (starting at 1.30 p.m.) with the two reverse singles, which are now "dead" matches as the tie has already been decided in Switzerland's favour.

8,000 complete Kinneret swim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Some 8,000 swimmers of all ages — including 100 disabled war veterans from Tel Aviv — took part in yesterday's 21st Kinneret Swim; and every one of them made it. The swim, four watery kilometres from the Ha'on beach to Zemah at the lake's southern end, went on from 6.30 a.m. till noon.

The 100 war invalids came from the Spivak Club in Tel Aviv. There were also a number of "grandfather-father-grandson" teams. The event was non-competitive, and the only prizes were for biggest attendance. The Mateh Yehuda District Council swam away with first prize, with 400 participants. They were followed by Haifa's Rambam Pool, with 300, and by the Galit Pool of Tel Aviv, with 200. All the other swimmers received medallions and certificates.

Top English club plans cricket tour of Israel

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — England's Essex County Cricket Club are planning a one-week tour of Israel next September at the invitation of the Israel Cricket Association.

Agreement on the trip was reached during the scheduled one-day fixture between Essex and Israel's National Cricket Team at Chelmsford earlier this month during the Israelis' three-week tour of the British Isles. However, the eagerly-anticipated game was rained off without a ball being bowled.

The Israel team — made up of 10 settlers from India and Pakistan and five from South Africa — returned home over the weekend, having managed to win only two and draw one of their 13 matches (half of which were against Jewish clubs). Of the remainder, two were rained off, one was abandoned when a hailstorm swept the ground, and four were curtailed because of wet weather. Only three fixtures were not affected to some extent by rain, and the luckless Israelis, already unused to turf wickets, never once played on a dry pitch during their whole series of games in Dublin, Birmingham, Manchester, Bournemouth and London.

New Israel captain Tony Wiseman was his side's most successful batsman, scoring 184 runs in 11 innings, (once not out) for an average of 18.4. Former skipper Noah Davidson finished second, averaging 17.4 from eight knocks. Davidson showed his all-round ability by claiming 27 wickets, to finish second in the bowling averages to Eliezer Yosef (10 wickets), and Michael Lichtenstein (19 wickets). All three bowl around medium pace. Behind the stumps, Isaac Solomon claimed a total of 11 victims, and Barney Greenberg took seven slip catches.

OFFICER DIES OF INJURIES

An army officer, wounded during the terrorist attack near the village of Fassouta south of the Lebanese border, died of his injuries on Friday, the army spokesman announced.

The soldier, Amir Weiss, was injured in the attack September 4, during which two marauders and two other Israelis soldiers were killed. Leaflets on the bodies of the terrorists indicated they had planned to take hostages and demand the release of 12 terrorists held in Israeli jails.

T.A. explosion blamed on feud by neighbours

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A neighbourhood quarrel was believed by police to be the cause of the explosion of a 50-gram bomb early Friday morning in the yard of 186 Ben-Yehuda here. One resident cut by flying glass and another had to be hospitalized briefly for shock.

Residents of the area, however, disagree with the police theory, telling newsmen that there haven't been any recent arguments among neighbours.

Police reported that the bomb was placed on top of a gas tank and that the explosion at 2 a.m. made a small hole in a wall of one of the houses and broke numerous window panes.

Simon Btesh of the WHO dead at 68

Former Health Ministry Director-General Simon Btesh, since 1960 a senior official in the World Health Organisation, died on Thursday in London, at the age of 68. The body is to be brought to Jerusalem, his birthplace, for burial.

Dr. Btesh, whose M.D. degree was from the American University in Beirut, was director of the Yarkon Government Hospital in Tel Aviv from 1943 to 1953, and from 1953 until 1960 ran the Health Ministry. In 1960 he transferred to WHO headquarters in Geneva, serving as head of the international organization's coordinating section for medical care and as adviser to WHO's director-general.

Rabin cites 12 citizen[s] who helped foil terrori[sts]

TEL AVIV. — Twelve Israeli citizens, whose resourcefulness and alertness helped foil terrorist attacks during the past year, were cited here on Friday by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Police Inspector-General Shaul Rosolio.

"Thanks to your alertness and actions, murder was prevented," Mr. Rabin told the 12 men and women who assembled at his office here. "We are engaged in a difficult conflict — with the Arab states and with the terrorist organizations. This is a conflict that has been forced upon every one of us... Your deeds have set an example for the entire nation."

The 12 were:

- Mrs. Zipora Klin of Petah Tikva, who discovered an explosive charge in a trash can near her kiosk and alerted the police.
- Mrs. Hanna Cohen, a shopper at the Yad Eliyahu supermarket who spotted a suspicious-looking man carrying a bomb in the store on the eve of Rosh Hashana.
- Shlomo Isaak, manager of the supermarket, who apprehended the would-be bomber and one of his accomplices.
- Salmon Menashe, the store's security officer, who helped seize the suspects and quickly removed the bomb from the store and deposited it in a "security pit."
- Raphael Buchara and Yitzhak Yoav, lifeguards at a Netanya beach, who apprehended and subdued two terrorists about to place an explosive charge on the beach.
- Avraham Wilner, an immigrant from the Soviet Union, and his fellow civil guard volunteer, Mr. Winchkovitz, whose vigilance in spotting the three marauders who stole into Nahariya ... last June helped prev... toll than the four ... fore the terrorists w...
- Two Haga men fr... Eliyahu Cohen ... Hoshbi, who detected a ... cealed in a baby carri... Mahaneh Yehuda market.
- Uzi Tsur and Pinhas ... Kibbutz Shamir, who ... and killed the terrorists wh... trated their kibbutz last J... killed them before army arrived.

Goren writes prayer for Yom Kippur War dead

A special prayer for the fallen of the Yom Kippur War has been composed by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and sent to some 5,000 synagogues throughout the country. The Chief Rabbinate spokesman said on Friday that the prayer is to be recited before the reading of the Yizkor memorial service on Yom Kippur day.

1,800 Sov[iet] immigra[nts] have left he[re]

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Jewish Agen[cy emis]saries in Europe have been ... ed to help bring back Sov... who try unsuccessfully to ... the West. Some 1,800 im... from the USSR have le... after some time here, ... meet unforeseen difficulties ... ing to European conditions ... Kalchheim, the Jewish ... spokesman, said.

The spokesman said h... neither confirm or deny ... that "underground" emiss... fluence immigrants to leav... but commented that this w... sible."

Emigration from the U... Israel is about 20 per cen... this year than last. "W... cause for alarm is that ... quarter drop in Vienna," the ... man said.

The director-general of t... migration Ministry, Menahe... man, said on Israel Radio y... that ministry clerks who g... out handling new immigrant... be changed. He added that ... partment was aware that ... tion officials did not alwa... new immigrants, as they w... posed to do, and said ... were being held among the ... aimed at improving their ... relations with the newcome...

Shrimpers make pea[ce] with hungry dolphin[s]

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some of Israel's fishermen have at last come to term... the dolphins who have been picking on them for years.

Gone are the days when the dolphins — considered the most ...ligent animals in existence and traditional friends of the fisherm... attack their nets as they are hauled in. Now the marine mammals ... bol and perform before every catch is raised, jumping up to two ... into the air.

But it is not the dolphins who have changed — it is the fishe... Instead of competing with the hungry dolphins, the fishermen no... them along Israel's southern coast. Their shrimp nets pick ... large amount of offal and unwanted sea creatures, such as crab... of which is thrown overboard to the dolphins.

Fishermen's Union secretary Dov Schmiede told *The Post* the dol... appear every four to six hours, just as the nest are *to be raised.* ... performing and receiving their food, they disappear until the next ... The shrimpers are happy, not only for the performance, but be... their expensive U.S.-made shrimp nets are left intact.

But other fishermen still have problems; the dolphins contin... attack their nets.

Some years ago, a marine expert told *The Post* this aggressiv... haviour, considered highly atypical, was a result of the small n... of fish in this part of the Mediterranean, causing the dolphins ... hungry.

They are kept away, for the most part, by protective nets whi... tangle dolphins before they can get to the catches. Once a dolphi... caught in one of the large eyes of the outer net, he usually stays ... "But," Mr. Schmiede noted, "there is always a new dolphin who ... yet learned his lesson."

ILP TELLS RABIN
NRP should join Gov'[t] without new negotiatio[ns]

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Independent Liberals yesterday told Premier Yitshak Rabin that the National Religious Party's cooption to the Government should be done with no new negotiations — on the basis of the *status quo* agreement accepted by them when serving in Golda Meir's Cabinet.

The NRP on the eve of Rosh Hashana officially accepted the Premier's invitation to join the Coalition. The Labour Party proposal included a moratorium on the inscription of immigrant converts in the population registry for at least a year.

The ILP delegation, led by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and Minister-without-Portfolio Gideon Hausner met with the Prime Minister at his Tel Aviv office. They proposed, among other things, to suspend for one year the registration in identity cards of the "le'om" (peoplehood) category for all new immigrants and simultaneously to speed up the work of the Cabinet committee on conversion on finding a solution to the "Who's a Jew" dispute.

Mr. Kol said they would probably meet Mr. Rabin again after Mapam entered the picture. He reported that the ILP leadership was scheduled to meet with Mapam Monday evening in Tel Aviv. He stressed, "We are not ... our positions, only ... views. We are an ... party."

Mapam is to meet ... day with the Prime M... official Mapam line has be... port Mr. Rabin's initiative ... ing the NRP back into ... tion, but the top part... has been under intern... because of fears lest the ... den the Government's politi... This internal controversy ... the fore at last week's me... the Mapam Youth Division ... they ignored the moderate ... Mapam Secretary-Genera... Talmi and adopted a firm s... line.

Egged members charge firm with illegal dealings

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three members of the Egged bus cooperative, believed to belong to a group who oppose the present Egged administration, told police that Egged was involved in illegal foreign currency transactions.

Egged spokesman Mordechai Shifman said yesterday that the three members copied some five-year-old invoices from the customer department at Egged concerning a foreign travel agent. The invoices involved IL5,200.

These invoices were checked by the management over the weekend and the management concluded that there was no irregularity, he said. Police are continuing their investigation.

Soldier kille[d] by hit-run driver

A 23-year-old soldier ... feish in Upper Galilee ... by a hit-and-run driv... Nahariya Friday night. ... person, who was not identi... injured and taken to ho... The soldier, Bahjat ... and the civilian had bee... to hitch a ride when ... hit by the car. Police sai... day they traced the hit ... vehicle to a Haifa garage ... rested the owner, a 27-year-...

In another fatal road ... Yosef Macneil, 16, was kil... day evening when he was ... car while riding his bicycl... Geha—Bar Ilan road.

War traffic lu[ll] reduced road dea[ths]

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Severely curtailed vehicl... during the war period and ... ately afterward resulted i... road deaths and injuries ... the year 5734, the police ... last week.

They said 676 persons we... and 20,885 injured, compar... 722 killed and 22,800 hurt ... 5733.

The nine-per cent drop, ... lice added, was reflected ... lower average monthly ro... dents during the war em... period — 900 to 1,080. In ... October span of 1973 the ... average was 1,200 to 1,300.

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...avriel Biton ...harged with ...resh murders

...IV. — Gavriel Biton, sur- ...brother of the pair arrested ...cion of murdering their el- ...adlords, Regina and Shmuel ... here last month, was in- ...n Friday.

... 24 — whose younger bro- ...zhak hanged himself in jail ...charged with strangling the ...couple, and with stealing je- ... electric shaver and other ...from the couple's flat. An- ...nage says he forged the ...n and then deposited a ...cheque he found there. His ...who said he was having ...making contact with his ...d not object when District ...ge Eliahu Manny ordered ...ld until the end of the ...gs and put under psychiat- ...vation.

...ing to the indictment, Bi- ... "another" (his brother) on ...25 hit 72-year-old Mrs. Ho- ...the head with a pipe wrench ...e went to the flat in Rehov ...8 p.m. to demand IL2,000 ...nt. Gavriel then strangled ... two next removed her keys ... body, went to the Horesh's ...dit street flat, and there ...Shmuel Horesh, 80, on the ...vriel then strangled him too. ...court agreed with the police ...on not be sent to hospital ...ychiatric observation, on ...he might try to escape or ...self. *(Itim)*

...lay hold off ...-o-L rise till ...uary — Meshel

...LAVIV. — Histadrut Sec- ...eneral Yeruham Meshel said ...e weekend that he may ...he labour federation to wait ...nuary — rather than next ... — before demanding another ...Living pay increase.

...Meshel who was speaking ... a national convention of ... representatives in trade ... and local labour councils, ...d that there had been an ...of inflation. He would advise ...-L delay if the easing con- ...he said.

...another topic, Mr. Meshel ... the Government to recon- ...s planned Added Value Tax, ...he said would mainly hit the ...levels of the population — ...who at present pay no income ... *(Itim)*

...ixon sends ...eting through ...Rabbi Korff

Jerusalem Post Reporter

...er President Richard M. ...wished all his friends in ...a happy and healthy new ...n a telephone conversation ...ht with his supporter, Rabbi ... Korff, who is now visiting ...m.

... Korff, head of the National ... Committee for Fairness to ...sidency and retired spiritual ...of an Orthodox congregation ...sachuetts, called Mr. Nixon ...a as the Sabbath ended. "I ... to hear how he was feeling," ...abbi Korff. "He said he had ...emories of his 24-hour visit ...salem last June." The rabbi ... Mr. Nixon as saying: "Jeru- ...s a beautiful city, but I spent ...f my visit on the sixth floor ... King David Hotel." Rabbi ...eplied: "That's exactly where ...ight now."

... rabbi, whose organization ... protested the ex-president's ...ce during the Watergate ... said Mr. Nixon sounded well ...s not depressed.

Archbishop Capucci, left, speaks to a reporter outside the Jerusalem District Court on Friday. At right, Ramallah lawyer Aziz Shehadeh (right) consults French jurist Roland Dumas outside the court just before the opening of the archbishop's trial. An assistant of Archbishop Capucci, Father Butors Jerjuriya (left), looks on. (Weiss)

PLO SEEKS BRITISH SUPPORT

UN VOTES TO TAKE UP 'PALESTINE QUESTION'

UNITED NATIONS. — The General Assembly decided yesterday without a vote, but over strong Israeli objections, to conduct a full debate on "Palestine" during its present session.

On recommendation of its steering committee, it included in its agenda an item entitled "the question of Palestine."

"It is already evident that the inscription of the item on the agenda is poisoning the atmosphere in the Middle East, at a time when what is needed most is a relaxation of the acutely tense relationships there," Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said.

But three Arab speakers and China insisted that the time was overdue for the Assembly to take up the fate of one and a half million refugee Palestinians.

A total of 56 delegations co-sponsored the Arab request for a debate. They were:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chad, China, the Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Dahomey Democratic, Yemen, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, the Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Rumania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Ukrainian SSR, and Zaire.

David Lennon reports from London:

The Palestine Liberation Organization has sent one of its most senior officials to London to ask Britain to back the PLO request to be given observer status at the United Nations.

Jamal Sourani, head of the PLO department for political missions abroad, has arrived here with a message from Yasser Arafat. It asks the British Government to vote in favour of a resolution to be tabled during the coming UN General Assembly which would recognize the PLO.

The General Assembly, meeting yesterday in New York, was set to approve the agenda — with the Palestinian question on it — despite Israel's objections.

Sourani's presence in London has presented the Foreign Office with the delicate problem of protocol, since — although regular contact is maintained between the Foreign Office and the PLO's London representative — the question of receiving an official note from an organization whose claims to official representation the Foreign Office does not recognize is another matter.

The solution arrived at is that an official of the Foreign Office will go to the residence of the PLO's London representative, Said Hammami, tmorrow "to collect the note," the Foreign Office said yesterday. This does not denote official recognition of the PLO in any way, it was stressed.

Sourani's visit to London is apparently part of a major drive by the PLO, since passage of the resolution would enhance its status and go a long way towards recognizing it as a "confrontation party" in the Middle East, thus strengthening its claim to be a party to any settlement.

In Paris, informed sources said Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues will meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during his visit to Lebanon next month.

The sources said the meeting was at Arafat's request. The date of the meeting has not yet been fixed. Sauvagnargues will be in Beirut October 19-21, before going to Amman and Israel.

In New York Thursday, Israel warned the General Committee of the General Assembly that inclusion of the "question of Palestine" on the agenda would prejudice the purposes and principles of the United Nations charter and jeopardize current peace efforts in the Middle East. Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said the Palestine Liberation Organization, "the umbrella organization of the Arab terrorist gangs," had made it clear "that by means of debate on the question of Palestine, the organization would be seeking some form of international recognition.

"Thus the repeated United Nations efforts to combat international terrorism would be dealt a death blow, and the scourge of barbaric bloodshed that has plagued mankind in recent years would find itself gaining the approval of the United Nations," Tekoah's statement said.

The statement traced the initiative for the agenda item to the PLO at the Arab League meeting in Cairo earlier this month, at which the decision was taken to request its placement on the agenda of the 29th General Assembly.

"According to its covenant, the organization's (PLO) goal is the destruction of a member state of the United Nations and the denial to the Jewish People of its rights to self-determination and independence," Tekoah said.

Noting that "after decades of stalemate and stagnation" the process of negotiation between Israel and the Arab states had been set in motion, the envoy warned that "the inclusion of the 'Palestine question' would be a serious setback to the peace-making process in the Middle East."

"It is obvious to all that a debate on the Palestine qustion and its foregone conclusion would introduce new elements and new considerations into the Middle East situation and adversely affect, hamper, delay and possibly undermine the entire peace-making effort and its very foundations," Tekoah said.

'Probably has A-bombs'

Arafat: Israel plans fifth Mideast war

PARIS (UPI). — Israel probably has atomic weapons and is planning a fifth war in the Middle East, Palestinian terrorist leader Yasser Arafat said in an interview published here on Thursday.

"Israel, in order to regain its role as a partner in the eyes of the U.S., will look to start as soon as possible a fifth war in the Middle East," the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization told the magazine "Temoignage Chretien."

"As you know, the U.S. is run by financiers, capitalists and investors who would like their interests to be secure. Israel wants to show them that the guarantee of this security remains just as before. Here is one of the factors which, I think, will lead to a fifth war in the region.

"Currently, the Israelis probably possess atomic weapons at an operational stage: two or three bombs," Arafat said. "They are seeking to acquire more and more sophisticated weapons."

Asked when the PLO would sit at the Geneva peace talks and if American diplomacy would help settle the issue, Arafat replied: "certainly not before the end of 1974. I don't have any confidence in American diplomacy. I really don't think the U.S. could bring anything at all to a resolution of the problem in the Middle East.

"In principle we are not hostile to dialogue," the terrorist leader said. "The problem is not between Jews and non-Jews. But we do not want a dialogue with Israelis in so far as they are Israelis."

Israeli crew gets shore leave in Bulgaria

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 20-man crew of the Zim freighter m.s. Dror enjoyed four days of shore leave in Bulgaria a week ago, after the authorities changed their minds about not allowing the Israelis ashore. The International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF) intervened on the Israeli's behalf.

The ship arrived in the port of Varna to unload cargo, and the authorities informed her captain that they would not permit the crew ashore because they and the ship were Israeli. The captain cabled the Marine Officers Union in Haifa, which immediately appealed to the ITF in London. Following ITF intervention, the crew "were not only given landing passes but special treatment, and were allowed to stay ashore without any time limit, night and day," the secretary of the union, Captain Shmuel Zucker, said on Friday. The ship returned to Ashdod on Thursday.

Jurisdiction rulings due

(Continued from Page One)

of the charge sheet, indicting him on three counts whose total maximum penalty amounts to 35 years in prison.

"Your honour, even this very building at which the hearing is being conducted has been occupied by force," Shehadeh told the bench on asking to make "preliminary objections" before his client could reply to the question on whether he admitted or denied the charges.

The Ramallah lawyer, who gained prominence during the Jordanian regime for his appearances in major political trials, including defence of suspects in the 1951 assassination of King Abdullah and the 1957 plot against King Hussein, said he was contesting the Court's jurisdiction in view of the "political status" of East Jerusalem and the diplomatic immunity which his client enjoyed.

Citing rulings from a heap of books in front of him, Shehadeh said he considered his client "an envoy of the Vatican," adding: "until now there is no settlement, recognized anywhere, of the status of East Jerusalem."

Shehadeh went on to claim that the reunification of Jerusalem had been "merely gazetted by the Secretary of the Government of Israel," and that there was no legislation providing for annexation.

State Attorney Bach rejected Msgr. Capucci's claim to diplomatic immunity. He said the State of Israel had enacted extensive legislation for the implementation of its laws in East Jerusalem.

Mr. Bach contested Shehadeh's "extraterritorial" argument, saying that even if one were to accept the questioning of the status of East Jerusalem, Msgr. Capucci's arms smuggling journeys from Beirut to Jerusalem took him through a large part of the State of Israel as he made his trips across Rosh Hanikra border checkpost.

The postponement of the hearing till Tuesday was preceded by a 15-minute recess during which Msgr. Capucci, sipping Turkish coffee and smoking a cigarette, spoke of peace and love which should take the place of injustice and hatred.

(See "Raya leaves Israel," page 4)

APPEAL FOR RELEASE OF CAPUCCI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Representatives of the Arab Christian communities plan to appeal today to Israel officials that Archbishop Hilarion Capucci be released and allowed to leave the country.

Members of a committee formed over the weekend will meet Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon and other officials to present their petition for the archbishop, now being tried on charges of gunrunning for the Fatah.

Haifa City Councillor Jamil Shalhoub stated that "we do not intend to interfere with the legal process," but that the committee believes the archbishop's arrest was "undesirable."

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3 Ramallah girls hurt by stolen car

RAMALLAH. — A wild car chase here yesterday ended in the arrest of three young men from the Hebron area, after they had injured three girl pedestrians and smashed a shop window.

The Commander of the Judea Police District, Sgan-Nitzav Avraham Sastiel, told Itim he had spotted the car speeding through the streets of Ramallah. A police car set out in pursuit.

During the chase, the speeding car swerved onto a sidewalk injuring three girls standing there, and crashed into a shop window. But the driver managed to extricate the car and the chase continued.

The three men in the car abandoned it near Bir Zeit, on the road to Nablus, but were caught soon afterwards. Police said they had stolen the car in Beersheba. *(Itim)*

Help in education, job placement

Gov't provided housing for 13,350 new immigrants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Minister of Absorption reported Thursday that it provided housing for 13,500 immigrants in the course of the Hebrew calendar year just ended.

Forty per cent of the housing was in development areas and the remainder in the Coastal Plain.

Only 60 per cent of the accommodation represented permanent housing, compared to 68 per cent the previous year, because of the increase in special leases — most of which are available in the coastal area. Special leases this year rose slightly to constitute about 24 per cent of the whole.

Jerusalem's share in housing provided by the ministry rose by about 1.5 per cent to 10.4 per cent.

In education, including study of Hebrew, the ministry gave assistance to about 23,000 immigrants of all ages. This included the opening of 35 pre-compulsory kindergarten institutions in absorption centres run jointly by the Ministries of Absorption and Labour and by women's organizations for 1,500 children requiring nursery school care. In addition, provision was made for the care of infants of immigrant families in many existing institutions.

Seventeeen thousand children of immigrants were integrated in elementary and secondary schools with the assistance of the joint committee of the Ministries of Absorption and Education, Youth Aliya and other organizations. They were given help in special classes and individual tutoring.

Fifteen thousand school-age children also participated during the year in summer ulpans for the study of Hebrew, and in auxiliary classes on Jewish and general subjects. They were joined by some 2,500 Youth Aliya pupils. Where necessary, children were assisted in the purchase of text books, clothing and equipment.

Regarding adult education, the ministry helped operate day ulpans in 30 absorption centres. Assistance given included funds for establishing the ulpans and for acquisition of modern teaching aids such as audio-visual equipment.

The ministry's Student Authority looked after 8,500 immigrant students, including those attending *yeshivot*. The majority, 67 per cent, were university students; the remainder were in vocational schools, teachers' seminars, nursing schools and academies.

Students from Eastern Europe constituted 35 per cent of this group, and 20 per cent hailed from Latin America. The remainder came from Asia and Africa (17 per cent), Canada and America (15 per cent) and Western Europe (13 per cent). Some 4,000 immigrant students were last year enrolled in Jerusalem's Hebrew University and in Haifa University, 1,200 were at the Technion, and 780 were taken in by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The ministry's section dealing with immigrant artists, armed with a larger budget, last year tackled the integration problems of 535 newcomers. Absorption officers operated in the fields of music, the plastic arts, literature and film.

Two orchestras were set up last year by the ministry in cooperation with the local authorities. The orchestras, one in Beersheba, the other in Netanya, employ a total of 40 musicians. In addition, 75 immigrants were engaged or about to be engaged in music conservatories opened or opening in Netivot, Yeruham, Beersheba, Arad, Or-Yehuda, Holon and Kiryat Bialik.

The Ministries of Absorption and Education created the orchestras with a view to affording a musical education to thousands of children and adults, particularly in the development areas.

A further 60 immigrant music teachers are enrolled in two courses to prepare them for instruction in elementary and junior high schools throughout the country.

Some 60 immigrant artists were given loans and special grants enabling them to acquire equipment, lease studios and open exhibitions.

More than 10 immigrant authors received the ministry's assistance in the translation, editing and publication of their work. About 30 immigrant artists are participating in the first production of the new Yiddish theatre, "The Yidditron," of immigrant director Nina Mikhoels.

Immigrant workers in the various professions of the film industry received assistance in the form of special projects or in projects where they worked side by side with Israeli producers.

GERMAN LAW books, worth some IL50,000, have been donated to the Hebrew University's Institute of Legislative Research and Comparative Law. The first instalment of the donation — made by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation in cooperation with the German Research Association — was handed over to the University on Thursday by German cultural attache Hasso Buchrucker and legal attache Klaus Werndl.

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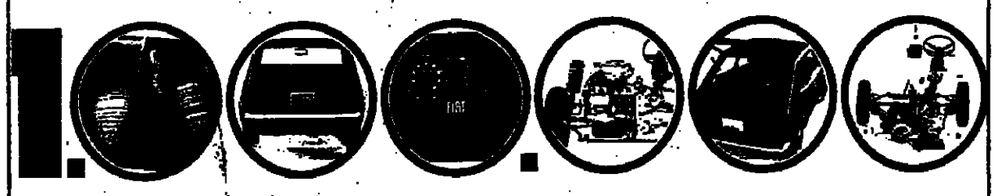

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Dutch may ask Syria to return terrorists

THE HAGUE. — Dutch Premier Joop Den Uyl said Friday his government is considering asking Syrian authorities to extradite the Japanese Red Army terrorists who held 11 persons hostage in the French embassy here for four days.

He told a news conference, "We have not yet done so. We wonder whether after having granted them safe conduct it would be wise to break our word."

"But in view of their terrorist activities it seems morally permissible,' he said.

In Tokyo yesterday police said they issued an arrest warrant against a Japanese "Red Army" member who left Osaka May 29 on a forged passport to recruit terrorists for overseas activities.

Police said the man, using a passport in the name of Koichi Kojima, 21, is actually Junzo Okudaira, the 25-year-old brother of one of three Japanese who carried out the Lod Massacre on May 30, 1972. The arrest warrant is based on charges of violating Japan's passport law.

Police said Okudaira left Japan after he had met with Mariko Yamamoto, 34-year-old former employee of a Japanese department store in Paris. She was expelled from France a few weeks before the seizure of the French embassy in the Hague.

Police suspect Okudaira may have left Japan to contact Fusako Shigenobu, 28. The Red Army faction leader is believed to have been conducting clandestine activities in Europe and Arab countries.

Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka visiting in Brazil Friday condemned the members of the so-called Japanese Red Army and promised to eliminate them.

"I will take the necessary measures to eliminate that group of terrorists in Japan," Tanaka said. *(AP, UPI)*

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands toasts the crew of the French Boeing 707 which flew Japanese terrorists to Damascus. The Dutch crew was feted in the garden of the Huis den Bosch Royal Palace. (AP radiophoto)

OAS due to lift ban on Cuban trade

WASHINGTON. — The Organization of American States is expected to lift its 10-year-old trade embargo against Cuba following a unanimous vote here by the OAS Permanent Council to consider the question.

After a two-day debate, the Council agreed Friday night to call hemisphere foreign ministers together in Quito, Ecuador, on November 8 "to decide if it is justified to continue the embargo." U.S. Ambassador William Maillliard, in supporting the proposed meeting, stressed that the U.S. willingness to reexamine the embargo "does not imply a judgement on the substance of the issue."

A two-thirds majority of the 21 voting nations will be required to end the hemisphere ban on the establishment of diplomatic or trade relations with the Communist-ruled island.

Most delegations addressing the Council did not indicate how they would vote in Quito, but there were strong indications that there was already a two-thirds majority for ending the sanctions. The theme most frequently expressed in opposition to the embargo was that it is an anachronism in an era of detente between the Communist and non-Communist worlds.

Other delegations saw it as having a debilitating effect on inter-American solidarity. Seven nations have established relations with Cuba, in violation of the embargo, and several others have indicated they will do the same once the sanctions are lifted.

Cuba still has hemisphere adversaries, however. The representatives of Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay argued that Fidel Castro's regime continues to intervene in the internal affairs of Latin American countries. *(Reuter, AP)*

Chinese Premier Chou En-lai was well enough on Friday to talk with Mrs. Imelda Marcos, wife of the Philippines President, who is visiting Peking. Chou, who is fighting a four-month bout of illness, saw Mrs. Marcos at his hospital. The meeting was a surprise since Chou has failed to see three African heads of state visiting China earlier this month — normally routine appointments for him. (AP radiophoto)

36 leadin officers suspende in Gree

ATHENS. — The govern terday suspended 36 ar force and navy officers kno their connections with th regime which ruled the cou the past seven years.

The officers included M Pavlos Papadakis, who co the Greek troops in Cypru the coup against President bishop Makarios took pl July, and Brig. Nickolaos Andreas Kondylis and Michal gitsis, who also served the that period.

Also among the office Majors Anastassios Spar Theofilos Theofiloyanakos, manders of the special inve branch of Athens military This branch was responsible vestigating people arrested nection with subversive against the regime.

Also suspended were offic helped evict about 5,000 from the Athens Polytechnic last November.

The officers, according to government paper "Ta Nea in charge of tank units w tacked the Polytechnic ar ported troops and police.

An announcement at the the event said 13 people wer and about 200 wounded. The tion led to the downfall of President George Papadopou the establishment of a second torial military regime engin Brigadier General Demetrios nides, now retired.

Yesterday's government d suspanding the armed forces said, "They are placed in sion from active duty beca reasons serving the interests services."

An authoritative source sa terday that all Greek docto been banned from leaving th try unless they receive writt mission from the Ministry o Services.

The source said the order gave no reason for the be sent to airports and oth points yesterday. *(UPI)*

Raya leaves Israel for life of solitude in Canada

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Bishop Joseph Raya left Israel on Friday following his resignation as head of the Greek Catholic church of Northern Israel in a bitter dispute with the church's Beirut-based synod.

In an airport interview with Andrew Meisels of Israel Radio, Bishop Raya said the synod had twice refused to accept his resignation. The churchman said he was on his way to Canada, where he would live a "life of solitude" in a monastery. He added, however, that he would write a book and make speeches at universities and other places to outline his views.

Those views, Bishop Raya said, definitely included the idea that Jerusalem should remain united under Israeli control.

He denied that he was essentially pro-Israeli, saying, "I am pro-justice."

Regarding the synod and Patriarch Maximos V, the former George Hakim, Bishop Raya and the synod was constantly "sticking its big nose" into the affairs of the church in Israel. He made it clear that the arrest of Archbishop Capucci on charges of gun-running for the Arab terrorists — and the subsequent condemnation of Israel by the synod for the arrest — were typical of the kind of interference he had in mind.

Monsignor Raya had served as Bishop of Galilee since 1968, when he came to Israel from Alabama.

BLOW TO JUSTICE.— U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger, 67, received facial abrasions and a possible broken finger Friday when he lost control of his bicycle near his home in Arlington, Virginia, police reported.

EEC farmers to get 5% more for farm produce

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — Common Market farm ministers agreed yesterday on a complex package of emergency measures to help the European Economic Community's 10 million farmers.

The package, assembled round a five per cent rise in guaranteed prices for farm produce, will go into effect on October 1. Negotiations leading to the deal took more than 30 hours, spread over three days.

West German Farm Minister Josef Ertl assented only in principle, pending a Cabinet meeting in Bonn this week. French Farm Minister Christian Bonnett, who presided over the negotiations, said the price rise was agreed on despite "systematic blocking by some countries." The two Ministers were dissatisfied for opposite reasons. West Germany earlier opposed any rise of more than four per cent while France backed an increase of at least six per cent.

EEC farmers are being squeezed between soaring costs and stagnant incomes.

Soviet reverses position, allows open-air art show

MOSCOW (UPI). — In a surprising about-face, Soviet authorities on Friday agreed to allow a group of abstract artists to hold an open-air exhibition in Moscow after all.

Only last Sunday, vigilantes and police broke up one such exhibition with bulldozers and water trucks and threw mud on some of the paintings.

On Friday, before the news of the about-face reached the West, the director of London's famed Tate Gallery at the last minute cancelled his planned visit to Russia as a mark of sympathy with the artists. The director, Sir Norman Reid had been scheduled to arrive on Saturday to discuss lending the Soviets a number of the Tate's works by 19th-century semi-abstractionist Joseph Turner.

"The Tate owes much to artists in many countries," Sir Norman, 68, explained, "and to go at this time might well be interpreted as indifference to the way they are treated.

"The decision not to go, which is my own," he added, "represents a considerable personal deprivation because I have been looking forward for many years to going to Russia."

In Moscow, Nadezhda Eliskaya, 28, one of four artists arrested during Sunday's fracas, said on Friday that officials had agreed to set aside a suitable site in a Moscow park for a September 28 rerun of the show.

She said Vladimir Shkodin, head of the city's Cultural Department, received a delegation of artists on Friday and gave his word they can hold the exhibition. The artists and city officials were to pick out a site later in the rambling Izmailovsky Park.

Most of the score or so artists connected with the abstract exhibition are not members of the official Artists' Union, which arranges most exhibitions. The Union shows only works which conform to the official style of Socialist Realism — representational works which glorify Communism.

While the city officials were showing conciliation, one newspaper published a letter ridiculing the abstract artists, their work, and spectators at their abortive show.

The letter, in "Sovietskaya Kultura," called the artists "unruly, untidily dressed people" and said their paintings "aroused nothing but disgust and ridicule." It called the would-be exhibition "a deliberate political provocation."

'Gun-running syndicates supply IRA'

LONDON (UPI). — British military intelligence, Interpol and the CIA have cut major arms supply routes from the U.S. to Northern Ireland but weapons continue to reach the strife-torn province, an army spokesman said yesterday.

"Recent successful operations involving the CIA, Interpol and our own military intelligence have closed major arms supply routes from the U.S., but there is no doubt many weapons are still being supplied by American sympathizers or commercial gun-running syndicates," the spokesman said.

Most of the weapons, including American, Russian, Japanese and Chinese-built automatic rifles, reach the hands of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), the spokesman said.

In New York on Friday, Irish Republic Foreign Minister Garret Fitzgerald appealed to Irish-Americans to stop supporting IRA fund-raising operations. He said millions of dollars contributed in America had prolonged fighting in Northern Ireland and paid for "bombs and bullets that kill Irish people."

Army sources in Northern Ireland said the most recent consignment of smuggled weapons to reach the province consisted of Japanese-made Armalite rifles and American M14 carbines. The sources said the M14 is the most popular weapon with the IRA.

The army also said it had evidence that Russian and Chinese weapons were reaching Northern Ireland through suppliers in the Middle East. Libya is well-known for its pro-IRA sympathies, the army said.

Wilson to 'barnstorm' Britain in election tour

LONDON (UPI). — Prime Minister Harold Wilson, battling for a new five-year mandate in Britain's October 10 general election, yesterday announced a 17-day barnstorming tour that will take him to 36 towns and cities in England, Wales and Scotland.

His Labour Party office said he will open the tour with a speech at Glasgow tomorrow evening and end it on election eve at Huyton, a working class Liverpool suburb he has represented in Parliament for 24 years.

Aides said Wilson will travel by train and road and only occasionally by chartered plane. They said he will usually return at night to London in time to meet the press at his daily campaign news conference next morning.

Conservative Opposition leader Edward Heath has announced he will make a similar campaign tour, mostly by chartered executive jet.

Jeremy Thorpe, leader of the third-ranking Liberal Party, said he will fly by helicopter but also will spend considerable time in his own voting district in North Devonshire.

Thorpe's Liberals got the biggest boost from the latest public opinion poll, published yesterday in the "London Times." The poll, taken by the Opinion Research Centre before the election date was announced, showed a jump in Liberal suport from 17 to 23 per cent of the voters.

It showed support for Wilson's Labour Party dropping from 42.5 per cent at its last monthly poll to 38 per cent now, but still holding a four per cent lead over Heath's Conservatives at 34 per cent.

Queen Elizabeth on Friday signed a proclamation at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, dissolving the previous Parliament. It had survived a bare 200 days and was the shortest-lived in Britain this century.

One of the candidates for Parliament is actress Vanessa Redgrave who re-entered the lists yesterday. The outspoken actress, long known for her left-leaning views, helped launch the manifesto of her Workers Revolutionary Party. She said she would be its candidate again in the working-class district of Newham Northeast.

In the February 28 election earlier this year, Miss Redgrave polled 760 votes and ran fourth in a field of five. (See 'A split Britain'— page 8)

U.S. will still send nuclear fuel to India

VIENNA (UPI). — U.S. Atomic Energy Commission sources said yesterday that the U.S. would go ahead with a planned shipment of nuclear fuel to India following New Delhi's pledge not to use it for atomic blasts.

A spokesman for the Indian Atomic Energy Commission, said on Friday that his government had given Washington written assurance the enriched uranium would be used only for "mutually acceptable purposes."

Accord reach on Cyprus PoW exchan

NICOSIA (Reuter). — Ove men, the remaining prison war in the recent bitter Cypr flict, will be freed starting row, under an agreement between the heads of the Greek and Turkish commun

Laurent Marti, head of t ternational Red Cross mission told reporters that the tran all military and civilian pr should be completed within days.

Yesterday, Greek and T Cypriots exchanged 153 mor and wounded prisoners ca during the fighting. The op completed the transfer of si wounded prisoners agreed up week by Greek-Cypriot Pr Glafkos Clerides and Turki riot Vice-President Rauf De

In Cairo meanwhile, Arc Makarios, the deposed Cypri sident, continued his efforts day to garner non-aligned cn the Cyprus issue in tal President Anwar Sadat, sc to begin later last night.

Egypt, the second country rios has visited on his thre swing through the Medite gave Makarios a rousing on his arrival from Alg Friday night.

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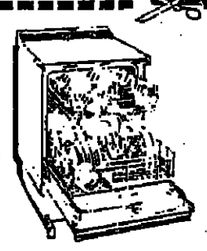

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U.S. to rush tanks, copters to Israel

NGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. has agreed to rush Israel up M-60 tanks — many from stockpiles in West Germany — and helicopters, informed government sources said on Friday.

ecision to meet the request made by Israel Prime Minister Rabin during his recent visit has upset some Defence Department officials because both the tanks and helicopters are in short supply.

The sources said some of the tanks will be taken from American supplies stockpiled in Europe.

Some Pentagon officials are worried that there might not be enough equipment for U.S. troops if they had to be flown to Europe for quick Nato reinforcement, the sources said.

A Defence Department spokesman declined to comment when asked about the agreement to send more tanks and helicopters.

OTHER WEAPONS

The sources said delivery of other weapons also can be expected as part of the commitment of the new administration of President Ford to the survival of Israel.

Israel officials had been asking the U.S. for a five-year commitment of $1,500m. annually in economic and military aid.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on Thursday told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that any long-term aid commitment would be submitted for approval to Congress.

Sources said U.S. army officials have been against sending Israel more tanks immediately because the rush delivery of nearly 400 of the vehicles during and since the October 1973 war has strained the American supply. American tank production has only recently begun to move above 30 a month, being held down by foundries which have had difficulty meeting new government air quality standards.

Mariner 10 kes another k at Mercury

ENA, California (UPI). — 10, the first spacecraft to ual planet mission, began pictures of Mercury for the time on Friday, giving s another look at the solar smallest planet.

pacecraft turned on its twin n cameras last Monday for t time in six months for ca- tests.

e the photographic mission ed tonight, the space ex- will have returned more than tures, one each 42 seconds, bleak, moon-like surface of y.

er 10 was launched No- 3, 1973, and transmitted the seup pictures of Venus last y. It used the planet's gra- bend its trajectory so that it tercept Mercury last March. then, it has been in a 176- it that matched two of Mer- 8-day revolutions and allow- ner 10 to catch up with the in almost exactly the same the solar system.

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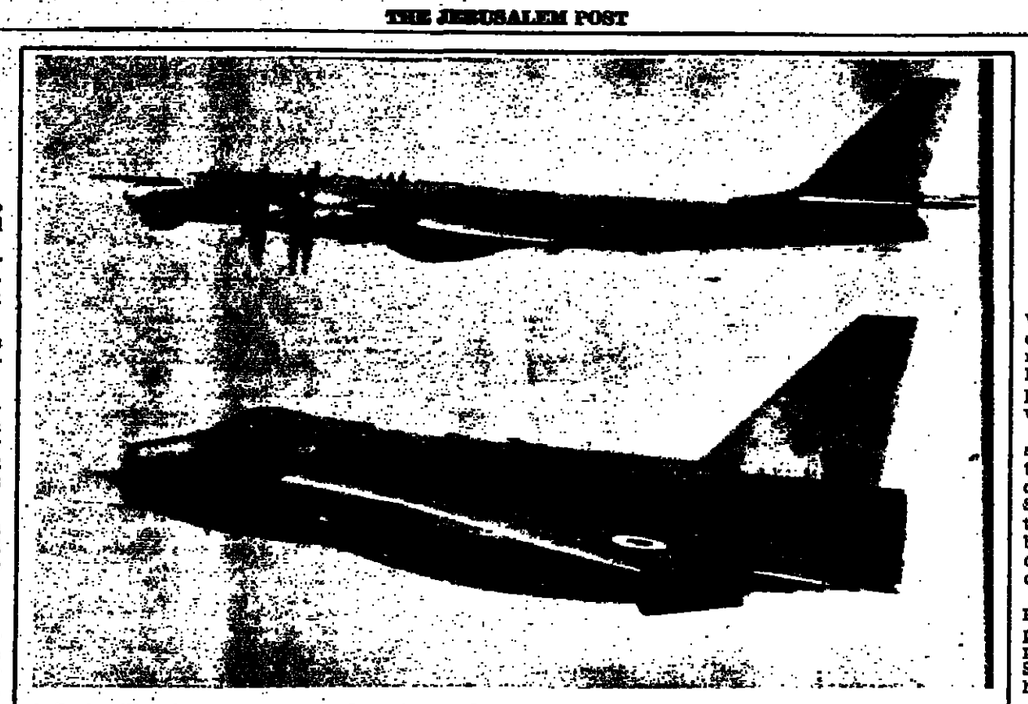

A Soviet "Bear" reconnaissance plane (top) which had been snooping on Nato ships over the North Sea is intercepted by an RAF Lightning fighter on Friday. The British plane, from Nato's Northern Interceptor Alert Force, took off from Leuchars, Scotland, when the Russian plane flew over ships during the major Nato exercise Northern Merger. (AP radiophoto)

Argentine murder squad threatens 12

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter). — A rightwing murder squad claimed responsibility yesterday for five political killings in Argentina in nearly two months and said it would kill 12 more leftwingers, including an ex-president.

The clandestine Argentine anti-Communist Alliance also warned in a communique that the next victim — leftwing Peronist congressman Hector Sandler — might be killed within 24 hours.

Sandler said in Congress four days ago he had received threats he would be killed if he did not resign and leave the country in five days. The communique said of him: "The time limit runs out today."

The alliance also listed as a future victim Dr. Hector Campora, who was President of Argentina for seven weeks last year before resigning to allow the election of General Juan Peron. Dr. Campora now lives in Mexico.

The men whom the alliance said it had killed included the former Buenos Aires province deputy police chief, Julio Troxler, who was manacled against a wall and shot dead by three gunmen on Friday in full view of children playing football.

In other violence last week, a group of some 40 left-wing guerrillas occupied a town 715 miles from here and executed a policeman and a labour union activist. Witnesses said the group locked one policeman into a cell and then went to the house of another policeman and machinegunned him to death.

The guerrillas, who included at least one woman, then shot and killed the policeman's neighbour, who was reportedly a union activist in a nearby factory.

Troxler was the 13th victim to die last week. His assassination came just before General Juan Peron's widow spoke from the balcony of the Casa Rosada, the pink-painted government house which was the scene of so many of her late husband's triumphant appearances before huge crowds of supporters.

But only about 30,000 people turned out in Buenos Aires' central Plaza de Mayo for the rally, which was organized to thank Mrs. Peron for signing into law a bill to improve labour contracts.

They heard Mrs. Peron make a public prayer for national peace. She said: "I ask God to put his hands on those that only know how to kill, on those that only want to disrupt the road to national liberation and pacification."

Wild melee over ban on Saigon newspapers

SAIGON (Reuter). — Police wielding fire extinguishers clashed yesterday with opposition deputies who tried to burn an entire edition of a newspaper rather than let it be confiscated.

In a wild melee, fire extinguishers were torn from the hands of plainclothes policemen as petrol-soaked copies of "Dien Tin" ("Telegraph") went up in flames in the streets.

"Dien Tin" was one of two opposition newspapers which the government ordered to be seized yesterday, apparently for their front-page stories about a demonstration on Friday — which was also in protest against newspaper confiscations. The seizures started after newspapers tried to print corruption charges made by the opposition against President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Only small groups of police were involved in yesterday's clashes. About 10 deputies joined "Dien Tin" staff, blocking the entrance to the paper's offices, rushing bundles of papers out into the street and setting them alight.

The police came off better in their bid to seize "Song Than" ("Divine Wave"), the other newspaper ordered confiscated. While the staff were waiting to see an official confiscation order they had requested, plainclothes police rushed in, snatched up newspaper bundles and raced away in a waiting van.

Earlier yesterday, opposition demonstrators forced their way on to the steps of the National Assembly building, but police stood by silently as they continued their protest against alleged government corruption and restrictions on the press for half an hour.

The opposition deputies involved in the protests included Catholics and Buddhists — reflecting growing opposition attempts to join forces on specific issues.

Watergate burglar McCord appeals Nixon pardon

WASHINGTON. — James McCord, one of the Watergate burglars, formally requested a federal court on Friday to rule that President Ford's pardon of former president Nixon was illegal and unconstitutional.

The McCord petition will force some sort of judicial resolution of the questions that have been hotly debated since President Ford's action. Some legal scholars have contended that the pardon was legally null because it excused Mr. Nixon for crimes with which he had not been charged.

"Despite the resignation of Mr. Richard M. Nixon," McCord's court papers said, "the House is still empowered to impeach him and the Senate is still empowered to convict him."

That being so, he contended, President Ford could not legally pardon his predecessor without violating a constitutional prohibition against pardons "in cases of impeachment."

McCord was one of the men captured during or immediately after the June 17, 1972, burglary of the offices of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate Office Building. At the time, he was director of security for Nixon's 1972 campaign organization, the Committee to Re-elect the President.

McCord was largely responsible for drawing the public's attention to possible White House involvement in the planning of the Watergate burglary. He wrote to U.S. District Judge John Sirica that the investigation had missed all the higher-ups and resulted in apprehension only of the small fry of the case.

Other Watergate trials are to go ahead. Six rulings handed down by the U.S. Court of Appeals Friday and one by Judge John Sirica rejected attempts by the Watergate cover-up defendants to delay their October 1 trial.

The appeals court upheld Sirica's refusal to grant the delays, sought on grounds the defendants — former Nixon aides — could not get an impartial jury in Washington. Sirica turned down a motion by defendant John Ehrlichman that the trial should be postponed because Nixon might be too ill to testify.

The former president is to go to a hospital tomorrow for treatment of his phlebitis, a spokesman for the Long Beach ((California) Memorial Hospital said on Friday.

Judge Sirica's ruling came after special prosecutor Leon Jaworski, who has subpoenaed Nixon to appear as a prosecutor witness, proposed that court-appointed doctors examine the former president to determine his fitness to testify.

"The government has just as much interest in securing Mr. Nixon's testimony at trial as does defendant Ehrlichman," Jaworski said. He said if Nixon is too ill to testify, the court could get a sworn statement from him instead.

On trial for conspiracy in the Watergate cover-up are Ehrlichman, former Nixon chief of staff H.R. Haldeman, former Attorney General John Mitchell, former Assistant Attorney General Robert Mardian, Haldeman aide Gordon Strachan and re-election campaign lawyer Kenneth Parkinson.

In a related development the American Bar Association (ABA) urged Friday in Chicago that presidential pardons be withheld, except in "extraordinary circumstances involving public interests of great magnitude," until appropriate judicial processes have been followed.

The ABA's board of governors issued the policy statement 12 days after President Ford pardoned former president Nixon before he had been indicted for any criminal offence he may have committed. The statement said the ABA was "concerned" with public reaction resulting from the pardon and from reports that additional pardons were being considered.

"The board recognizes that the constitutional power of the President to grant pardons is a part of the procedure for the administration of justice, and further recognizes that the pardon of former President Nixon could involve considerations not present in other cases," the statement said. "However, the board believes that one of the lessons of Watergate is the need in general for adherence to regular judicial processes. (Reuter, UPI)

Martha Mitchell says Nixon knew from the start

LONDON (UPI). — Martha Mitchell told British television viewers Friday night former President Richard Nixon "knew all along" about the Watergate break-in, and so did her husband.

"I believe Mr. Nixon knew all along," said the estranged wife of the former attorney general on a British Broadcasting Corp. Television programme.

"I would almost be willing to bet my life he planned it. I am afraid so," she said. She also expressed her belief a new cover-up of the remains of the affair was now taking place. Most of Nixon's staff remained in the White House, she said, and "his spirit is still there."

Mrs. Mitchell, whose outspoken public comments made headlines throughout the Watergate affair, was interviewed by David Frost about the sequence of events she compared to a James Bond novel. "I can't believe the things have happened to me," she said.

"Certainly I think there is a danger of my being shot," she said. "I received threats on my life even before my husband left the Justice Department."

She said twice top Nixon administration officials tried to have her committed to mental institutions, and she was still followed by intelligence agents wherever she went, including to London for her TV appearance.

Labour union struck

EMERYVILLE, Calif. (UPI). — The cables have been turned on Office and Professional Employees Union Local 29, AFL-CIO.

Four of its business representatives struck the local in a demand for higher pay and improved fringe benefits.

The strikers have their own labour organization — the Union Representatives Union.

EXTORTIONIST. — A man was sentenced to serve between five years and life in prison on Friday in Los Angeles for trying to extort $100,000 from the parents of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst by claiming he knew the whereabouts of the kidnapped girl.

rabs invest $7,000m. oil profits in U.S.

SHINGTON (UPI). — Government estimates show that oil nations may have put approximate $7,000m. they ved from Americans for petum back into the U.S., in the of investments.

ecific figures on the international movement of money are ult to trace, but the Treas- Department has estimated investments in the U.S. ugh August at about $7,000m. ey include an estimated 0m. in U.S. Government se- les and about $3,000m. in notes and possible real es- and corporate securities, ac- ng to a department estimate. ab nations have earned an nated $10,000m. from the U.S. troleum exports and sales to oil companies this year, but in payments would make actual earnings closer to the 0m. figure.

easury Secretary William E. n sent an 11-page report he estimates of Arab oil in- to the Senate Permanent Investigations Sub-committee on Thursday and released copies of it on Friday.

Meanwhile, in London, with the equivalent of one week's oil revenues, Sheikh as-Salim of Kuwait seems to have quashed the challenge of rival bidders Commercial Union Assurance for St. Martin's Property Corporation, one of Britain's biggest property companies.

Directors of St. Martin's announced at the weekend that they are recommending the Kuwaiti's $256.8m. offer to shareholders.

Earlier, Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, also gave the go-ahead to the take-over bid. She announced that she is not referring to the take-over to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission because of government spokesman said "it does not involve public interest issues."

The Arabs had threatened to drop the bid if it was referred to the Monopolies Commission.

WEST AGREES ON PLAN TO SHARE OIL SUPPLIES

ELS (AP). — Twelve major oil consuming countries on agreed to share oil supplies ds of crisis such as that y the Arab oil embargo.

more than six months of ions, the U.S., Canada, Norway and the European Market countries, with the n of France, decided on an ing scheme to safeguard the stocks of individual na-

agreement was reached by ergy Coordination Group — ECG — set up by the Washington Energy Conference last February to study the lessons of the Arab embargo.

The ECG's Belgian Chairman, Viscount Etienne Davignom, told a news conference the agreement would be submitted to the 12 participating governments for approval by the end of October.

There was still some doubt about Norway's reservations over sharing its North Sea oil riches, however, and the issue was expected to be put to a vote by the Norwegian Parliament.

Food floated out to 'France' mutineers

LE HAVRE, France (UPI). — Crewmen aboard the strike-bound liner France, moored five km. off shore here, were on Friday allowed to take on a five-ton boatload of provisions.

Police cruisers had earlier in the day turned back a provision boat to the ship, whose crew is sitting in to protest its planned retirement on October 25. But they relented when the return of the first boat sparked off a demonstration by 3,000 persons in front of the prefecture in town here.

The France has been sitting in the Le Havre roadstead since September 11, when the crew barred the officers from bringing it into port at the end of an Atlantic crossing and the passengers had to transfer to a ferry. Friday's first provision boat was a fishing smack carrying fresh vegetables collected by local unions. After its return and the protest demonstration, the authorities allowed a boat chartered by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique — the firm that owns the France — to deliver the food.

Nevertheless, a maritime union spokesman on Friday threatened a new sympathy strike by the French merchant marine this week if the Paris government did not negotiate more "seriously" on keeping the France going.

The government has repeatedly said it will not resume its annual subsidy of 100m. francs (IL100m.) to keep the luxury liner in service. Without this subsidy the vessel's owners say they cannot continue operations beyond October 25.

But maritime union leaders have rejected proposals to reclassify or pay off the crewmen. "We seek the continuance in service of the ship," said Neal Cozil, secretary-general of a seamen's union within France's General Confederation of Labour.

Despite the opposing stands, industrial sources said there was a growing belief negotiations could restart soon.

On Friday, however, one of the 989 crewmen occupying the France decided he could wait no longer. Christian Duchemin, 23, squeezed out of a porthole and jumped into the English Channel; he was picked up by a police boat and brought to this seaport.

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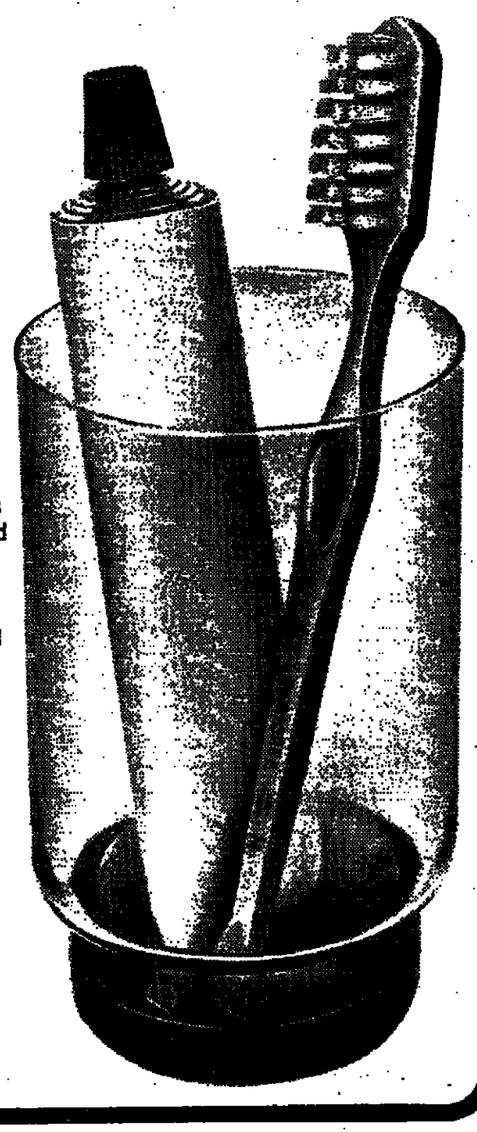

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11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.40 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools.
12.35 Daniel Hoexter, piano — Mozart: Sonata, K. 547a; Beethoven: Polonaise, op. 89; Martinu: 6 Ritornelles. 1.05 Mikday Concert — Brahms: Tragic Overture (Van Beinum); Schumann: Cello Concerto; Ravel: "Daphnis et Chloe", Suite No. 2 (Szell).
2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — Improving your Knowledge. 3.30 Literature. 3.55 Book Review. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 Musica Viva — Ralph Shapey: "Rituals;" "Incantations;" String Quartet No. 6; "Songs of Ecstasy." 5.10 Music for Sunday: (Stereo) Beethoven: Missa Solemnis — Part Two (Bernstein); Reger: Motet; Bruckner: Psalm 37.
6.05 People and Figures. 6.30 "Am Yisrael Hai." 6.50 A. Allon's Corner. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Divrei Hayamim II. Chaps 7 and 8. 8.05 Israel Chamber Ensemble — Gary Bertini — Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 4; Cantata No. 57; Harpsichord Concerto in f minor (Berman); Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. 9.25 "Music has Many Answers." 10.05 "Curtain Up." 11.05 Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in d minor; Quincy Porter: Oboe Quintet (Boston). 12.10 A Moment of Poetry.
12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 428, 258, 249, 355 and 340 M.

5.58 Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 This Morning. 7.25 "Hebrew songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 Announcements. 8.15 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 Good Morning (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs.
1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 Requests. 3.52 Names and Events in the Jewish Scene. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 For Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hit 5.55 "Traffic Signal." 6.05 Hit Parac 6.45 Today's Sport. 6.55 Announcem "The Record Library at Your Servi "From Me Mani" — with Mati P "Old Favourites." 1.05 Close Down

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5.30 News. 5.32 "Me and the Ch "Ot, Ot, Ot." 6.00 Youth Maga Mabat. 9.00 "The Magician." Energy Crush" — "The Solution." 10.40 News.
Educational: 9.05 English 5. 10.05 9. 10.20 Science 6. 11.25 Geometry English 10. 12.40 Technical Dra 1.00 Biology 9. 4.00 Handiwor English 5. 4.28 "New Or New documentary. 5.15 Story.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 "San Susu." 7.00 Special Programme Ramadan. 7.20 Ramadan Quiz. 7.2 and Weekly Magazine.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
455 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.05 Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
458, 523, 256, 355 and 340 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew, Ivri 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.05 Lad Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russ Close Down.

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7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short 10.00 a.m. (4th Programme); 1.30-2 (4th programme and short waves); (4th programme); 8.10-8.4 programme); 10.00-10.45 p.m. (short

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8 p.m. — Lucien Clergue — Photographs "Genesis: Nudes, Sand and Sea" — "Tauromaquia"

Tue., 24.9.74 — GALLERY TALK (Hebrew)
7.15 p.m. — In the exhibition, "Situation — Israeli Photographers, '74"
Mr. Micha Bar-Am and Mr. Marc Scheg

EXHIBITIONS
Past and Present — The Jan Mitchell gift to the Israel Museum (Goldman-Schwartz Gallery)
Lucien Clergue — Photographs "Genesis: Nudes, Sand Sea" — Tauromaquia" from 24.9.74 (Palevsky Design Pavilion)
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4 Israeli Painters in the Museum Collection: Aroch, Kupferman, Lifschitz, and Zaritsky (Spertus Hall
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EXHIBIT OF THE MONTH
Portrait of Tristian Tzara, 1916, by Marcel Janco

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Registration for Youth Wing Classes continues (ages 10 upwards).
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A possible end to tax discrimination

he value of a value added tax

By Moshe Ater
Post Economic Editor

URY SPOKESMEN — including the r of Finance — have stated that the Added Tax (VAT) is definitely to be ced on April 1 next year. The bill t tabled, and practical preparations for going ahead full steam. Nevertheless, reform — of which the VAT is to central part — is less sure than is ly supposed.

time is running short for full scale on of the many complex details of r tax administration, and for the book- and other business adjustments to it. the Histadrut Secretary-General, Yern- eshel has recently announced that he now opposed to VAT as likely to cause o rise still further. Other opponents of posal are up in arms against a policy shifts the fiscal burden from direct ogressive taxation to an indirect and tax. A tax on sales — which VAT another name — is bound to give a the current inflationary price creep, arned, and the new tax may be evaded s but perhaps even more than income no effective steps are taken to change lic's attitude.

y, the government's own attitude to- the VAT seems to be hanging fire. It is clear whether it is indeed intended to stepping stone towards a wider tax or as just another instrument for state revenue.

e do we indeed stand in this respect? VAT intended to complete the tax started two years ago by cuts in tax rates, as has often been claimed? t to provide a new start for a reform ame unstuck? And what does this re- usically aim at?

tailed answer to this question is a for fiscal experts, but by and large can be said to be defined as making system efficient. In 1967 tax revenue ng compulsory loans, national insur- nd local rates) amounted to 28 per our national income — a very high age for a country at Israel's stage of ment. In 1971 this percentage rose to for the current year it is estimated per cent. It is questionable whether proportion can be maintained for long economy based on free labour and priv- tiative — except, perhaps, under the of war conditions.

ny case, it must adversely affect productivity, saving, and investment, and thus jeopardize the country's economic growth, even though its damaging effects may accumulate gradually, and make themselves felt only in the course of time. If such a large scale of the people's income must be siphoned off by the public sector, it must at least be ensured that the burden involved is shouldered by all, without discriminating against (or for) any special group or business activity or consumption pattern.

It has been argued that what is wrong is not the system, but the tax administration, that things would be fine if only some legal loopholes were closed, stiffer penalties for tax dodgers enforced, and additional and more efficient tax inspectors provided. However, attempts made time and again in this direction have so far failed to produce the expected results, and one may doubt whether the measures introduced this year — important though they doubtless are (e.g. charging of a fairly high interest rate on income tax arrears) — will help much.

The basic evil of our present system is its selective application. It causes grievances and generates widespread ill-will against the state, undermining public morale and providing the natural climate for tax evasion. And it interferes with the normal flow of production and consumption in a way which is not only counter-productive but outright wasteful.

Admittedly, in order to be equitable, taxes must be more or less progressive, in other words, discriminating. By their very nature, taxes are unpleasant, and involve administrative interference, by now an accepted evil of today's controlled economy, both in this country and abroad. What matters is that we have strayed far beyond what is tolerable, as a result of which the efficacy of tax collection has been blunted, both as a source of revenue (forcing the government increasingly to resort to compulsory and voluntary loans) and an instrument of economic policy (which ought to play a major role in blocking inflation).

In order to restore that efficiency, our tax system must be rendered as smoothly-operating as possible, even if that involves less progressive rates and fewer social allowances. In the current emergency situation production and economic efficiency must take precedence over redistribution, because galloping inflation will inevitably foil well-meant attempts to reduce the income gaps, while a more stable economic situation would benefit most the low-income and property-less groups.

To achieve the above objective the introduction of VAT is vital, because its essence is the replacement of the current selective purchase taxes by a tax applied to all goods and services, hopefully at a uniform rate, which, owing to its wide incidence, can be kept relatively low, thus reducing to a minimum both the discrimination and ill-will connected with tax collection. It will, at the same time, lessen the attraction of tax dodging. Of course, VAT will not be completely foolproof. But experience abroad has demonstrated that it is not only much more effective than other taxes, but that it allows the government to increase its indirect tax revenue — and to reduce the people's disposable (real) income with the least public grievance.

But, of course, this is only one part of the required tax reform. It must be accompanied by a similar action in the field of direct taxes, i.e. widening of the income tax base (recommended by the Asher Committee) so as to include all the grants in kind, fringe benefits, cost accounts, etc., and to abolish the special rates currently in force for various kinds of both earned and unearned income. The importance of this action for our tax morale and economic productivity has been so publicized as to need no further elaboration. It is also a precondition for reducing the income tax rates which are still hampering our productive activity even if one disregards the compulsory war loan.

It may be a moot point whether or not a super-tax should be imposed on the very rich just as we may retain some taxes on luxuries, cigarettes, etc. But a situation in which the Histadrut's Secretary General complains about income tax rates obstructing workers' profit sharing, and in which investors in quoted shares or government debentures must be given special tax incentives, is obviously unhealthy. Of course, the required reform must also bring in its wake a far-reaching revision of our wage pattern and investment habits, but that does not make it less imperative.

A tax system largely based on a uniform VAT and a widely-based and modestly rated income tax would be both much easier to operate and better adjustable to the needs of our economic growth. However, it would not be complete without a reform also of our property taxation. Some of the problems involved must anyway be tackled shortly in connection with linking and depreciation allowances, but the issue must be faced from a wider, social angle.

Railways promise better service

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Air-conditioned railcars for use between Tel Aviv and Haifa and better express service on that line are two of the improvements planned by the Israel Railways in the next twelve months, general manager Yehuda Reshef promised last week.

The air-conditioned railcars, ordered from Italy last year, should have been delivered in May, in time for the hot summer weather, but strikes in the Italian industry held up production. The express trains, which now make the Tel Aviv-Haifa run in 65 minutes, are to be sped up to 56 minutes in the coming year. Track improvements on the Nahariya line will allow express trains from Haifa to make the trip in 36 minutes, a gain of about five minutes.

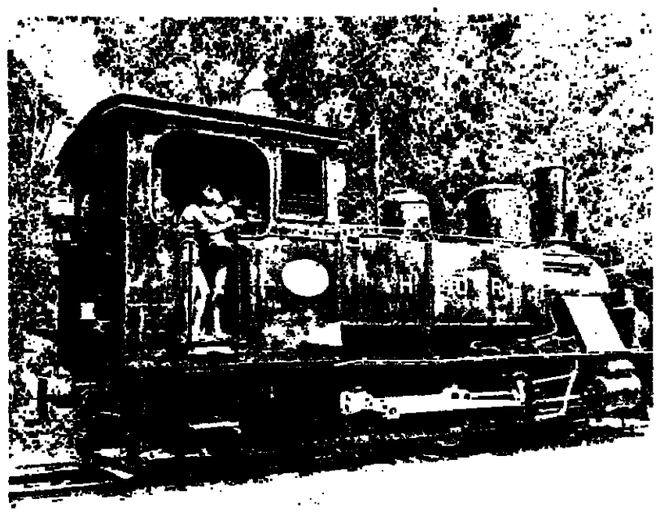
The new Haifa railway station, in back of the Egged station at Bat Galim, is expected to be put into service sometime in the coming year

For their goods traffic the Railways are receiving a variety of new equipment, among them 31 phosphate, 50 container and 30 grain-carrying cars as well as cranes and other cargo-lift gear. "The more cargo the railways carry, the less the pressure on the roads," Reshef said. Work will start this year on two container terminals, at Bnei Brak and Tel Hanan (near Haifa).

The Railways has also finally been authorized to build the 40 km. spur to the new phosphate mine at Nahal Tzin, now that supplies at Oron are running out. This is part of the route to Hatzeba, in the Arava, which will be a point of transit for a railway line south to Eilat and perhaps north to Sdom.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said this week that the construction of a railway line to Eilat was being studied as a measure to offset the reopening of the Suez Canal and to ensure the continued development of the country's Red Sea port. The project would now cost about $250m. and might interest foreign investors. Rail transport would considerably cut transport costs of Negev and Dead Sea minerals to the ports north or south.

In the past economists and transport experts abroad have time and again urged the Israel Government to build a railway line to Eilat, both to expedite the development of the Negev and to cut the country's high road transport costs. At one stage a Japanese group offered to build a line against a commitment of minerals exports which Japanese ships would load in Eilat.



The locomotives currently used by Israel Railways are certainly a far cry from this engine used more than 70 years ago on the Haifa-Istanbul run. It is now on exhibit in the Science and Technology Museum in Ramat Aviv. (Yissacharov)

Later, an outstanding economist and friend of Israel, Dr. Edgar Salin, of Basle University, commissioned a study on the project, which he published as a book entitled "The Railways of the Three Seas" setting out the advantages of a railway link between the Mediterranean, the Dead and Red Seas. Credit for the project was offered from Germany at an interest rate of two or 2.5 per cent. (Germany later financed the construction of a railway line by Jordan to Aqaba).

The proposal was vigorously opposed by the road transport lobby and turned down by Transport and Finance Ministries officials on the grounds that it would not be profitable and that the development of roads in the Negev should be given priority. They dismissed the arguments of the economists and of successive general managers of the Railways that a line to Eilat was a long-term investment, that "trade follows the railways" and that railways networks were the cheapest form of cargo transport inland and to and from sea ports.

Marine supervisors end slowdown

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Marine supervisors employed by the Ports Authority agreed last week to close their differences with the Ministry of Transport for the current year on the understanding that the Histadrut will see to it that next year's wage contract will include a new national pay schedule.

The supervisors have been delaying the departure of tankers over the past several weeks, by an over-zealous checking of safety precautions. They have been demanding that their pay be equalized with that of their counterparts employed by private shipping companies.

The agreement was reached last week at a meeting chaired by Uriel Abrahamowicz, head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department. Representatives of the Marine Officers Union, the supervisors, the Ministry of Finance and the Civil Service Union were present.

The Treasury representatives did not subscribe to Mr. Abrahamowicz's solution. But all other participants did, and the marine supervisors said they would apply no pressure in the meantime.

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erusalem Post Reporter

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The right to waive a benefit

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeals

Before Justices Berinson, Many and Kister.

The National Insurance Institute, Appellant, v. 1. Nora Elmohar & Children. 2. Egged Transport Cooperative, Respondents (C.A. 255/74)

The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1974

BENEFICIARIES MAY NOT WAIVE NATIONAL INSURANCE

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on April 4, 1974 (in Motion 139/74).

The first respondent's husband was killed in a traffic accident while travelling to work from Nablus in an Egged bus. Since he was killed on his way to work, his dependants, the first respondent and her children, were entitled to certain benefits under the National Insurance Law. However, Egged agreed to pay the deceased's dependants a lump sum in compensation on condition that they undertook not to claim these benefits (for which Egged could later be sued by the Institute) from the National Insurance Institute and confirmation of this waiver of their rights from the Institute be obtained.

When the Institute refused to confirm this waiver on the grounds that it is their policy pursuant to the Law, that widows and orphans should receive monthly grants from the Institute and not one-time payments, the widow and Egged applied to the Tel Aviv District Court for a declaratory judgment to the effect that a waiver of national insurance benefits is binding and that in consequence of such a waiver, the Institute would have no right of action against the wrongdoer, that is Egged.

The District Court granted the respondents' application whereupon the Institute appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mr. A. Meir appeared for the appellants, Mr. Nashitz for the first respondents and Mr. Caspi for the second respondents.

Judgment

Justice Berinson, who delivered the main judgment of the Supreme Court, Justice Many concurring, noted that the issue before the court was whether a waiver of national insurance benefits to which a person is entitled under the National Insurance Law is binding on that person, the answer to this question depending on the general purpose of the Law.

He then went on to discuss the purpose of the National Insurance Law, concluding that it was clearly and unambiguously to provide a regular means of subsistence to dependants of insurees who have been deprived of their breadwinners because of, inter alia, a works accident. The legislature, he continued, had elected to provide a regular payment instead of a one-time lump sum, for fear that the beneficiaries might lose a lump sum in a bad investment or in some other way and then become a burden on the public. An agreement to accept a one-time payment of compensation in lieu of regular monthly allowances from the National Insurance Institute would, therefore, be manifestly incompatible with the purpose of the law.

In general, continued Justice Berinson, the right to waive a benefit or an advantage vested in him [illegible] by law [illegible] to every person. But this rule does not apply when the personal right is accompanied by a public interest in its realization. For in the latter event the individual is not free to do as he pleases with his right — that is, to accept it or waive it at will. In other words, he continued, when a law makes it mandatory for a public body to pay certain benefits to an individual without any reservations, then that public body may not pay the individual less than he is entitled to and the individual, for his part, may not waive his right to the full benefit. Since, therefore, in the present case the National Insurance Institute is obliged, by virtue of section 75 of the Law, to pay the dependants of an insured person who has died in consequence of an employment injury a monthly pension, then these dependants may not waive this right. Furthermore, they may also not, by virtue of section 135(a) of the same Law, transfer, or pledge this right, which may also not be attached in any manner whatsoever, except for purposes of paying maintenance. In short, therefore, concluded Justice Berinson, the respondents are not entitled to waive their right to a monthly benefit from the National Insurance Institute and any such waiver would not be binding upon them (see also the leading English case, Guardians of Salford Union, v. Dewhurst, 1936, A. C. 619).

In conclusion, Justice Berinson dismissed the first respondents' counsel's argument that general principles should not be applied to his clients' case, which was *sui generis*, since they are not citizens of the State and it was possible that Nablus might one day no longer be in Israel-administered territory, and they would then lose their monthly payments from the National Insurance Institute, after having been deprived also of their lump sum payment from Egged. He could not, he said, distinguish between citizens of Israel and foreign residents, or residents of the administered territories, who benefit equally from the National Insurance Law, as long as that Law provides for no such distinction. For judges are not entitled to apply their own conceptions and judgment when the law is perfectly clear on the system of benefit payments to be observed.

The result is, he concluded, that the respondents have the right to claim national insurance benefits from the National Insurance Institute, and it is mandatory upon the Institute to pay these benefits in full while reserving the right to claim indemnity from Egged, the wrongdoers.

The appeal should, therefore, be allowed.

Justice Kister

In concurring that the appeal should be allowed, Justice Kister added the observation that the legislature had expressly laid down the principle that in certain cases the National Insurance benefits should be paid on a monthly basis to the beneficiaries in order to ensure them a regular means of subsistence and had not given the beneficiaries the option of receiving a lump sum in advance and providing for their own future therewith.

In the case of victims of work accidents, he continued, the legislature had in fact provided for a grant, instead of a monthly benefit, if the victim suffers from a disability rate of not less than 25 per cent and has a fixed income sufficient for his needs. But in all other cases of work accidents the Institute is not entitled to agree that the victims, or their dependants, be given a one-time grant instead of a monthly benefit, and the courts could, therefore, most certainly not permit them to do what the law forbids.

Appeal allowed without costs.

Judgment given on August 20, 1974.

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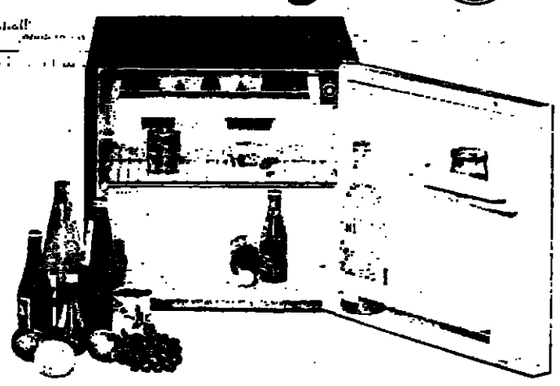
The elegant Bar-Fridge



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The Municipality of Tel Aviv-Yafo hereby invites contractors to submit tenders for the Extension of the Sewer Network in the Hatikva Quarter, Stage 1.

All Tender Documents and Forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of IL250 (non-refundable) from the City Engineer's office 68 Sd. Keren Kayemet, Tel Aviv (Room 235).

Prospective tenderers should submit their bids in two copies on the forms to be supplied them, and in compliance with the conditions of the tender.

Bids, accompanied by a Bank Guaranty of 6% of the bid total, valid for a period ending 120 days from the last date set for the submission of the tender, must be mailed by registered mail to: Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality, The City Secretary's Department, Kikar Malchei Israel, Tel Aviv, to arrive not later than November 7, 1974.

The envelope containing the bid should be marked:
Tender 17/D-12/ISP/74
The Israel Sewerage Project.

Bids arriving for whatever reason after November 7, 1974 will not be considered.

Bids submitted without the required bank guaranty will not be considered.

Terms of payment: as specified in the tender documents.

Bids may be submitted by contractors who are registered in accordance with the provisions of the Israeli Contractors' Registration Act 1969 in the Contractors' Register under the sections, Sewerage, Drainage and Waterworks, in the class of at least IL1,000,000. Bids may also be submitted by contractors registered as above and pre-qualified by the Israeli Sewerage Project.

A site inspection tour for the contractors will be held October 10, 1974, leaving from the City Engineer's Office (Room 235) at 10.30 a.m.

The successful tender will pay all stamp duties, fees and other expenses payable for and in connection with the signing of the Contract Agreement and all the accompanying documents (including subsequent interim certificates and completion payment certificate).

The contractor will cover all social insurance expenses (including National Insurance Fund, Building Workers' Insurance and Pension Fund, etc.); all these contributions and benefits to accord with Israeli Law and Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality practice.

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any other proposal for the entire Tender or parts thereof.

S. LAHAT, Mayor
Municipality of Tel Aviv-Yafo

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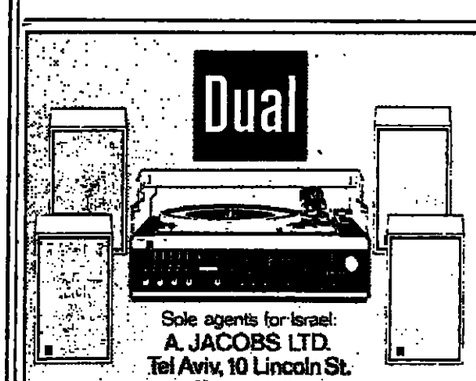

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PLO AT THE UN

THE NEW PRESIDENT of the UN General Assembly, Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika, made it amply plain at the opening session of the Assembly that the Arab terrorist organizations have his full personal support and that he believes in "revolutionary violence" as the way to national liberation.

Algeria certainly fought its way to independence by means of long, bitter years of violence against France and the French settlers in Algeria. It is conceivable that Bouteflika draws a mistaken parallel and equates Israel with France, and the PLO with the Algerians. He should remember that Zionism too was, and still is, a liberation movement. This is what gives it its strength and resilience, as Mr. Bouteflika should know, for Algerian resilience was ultimately greater than that of the French settlers.

The terrorists' Yasser Arafat has said again, to a French magazine this time, that he is not unwilling to talk to Jews — this to clear him of possible charges of anti-Semitism — but will not talk to Israelis as Israelis, that is, recognize the right of Israelis to the self-determination that he demands for Palestinians. In giving support to the PLO and this view the UN is making a mockery of itself.

With an Assembly president who welcomes violence and the PLO given official status of some kind, the UN will stand fully revealed in its terrible weakness. East-West talks have long moved from its echoing halls to smaller, more private chambers, and China may have moved in, but does its negotiating elsewhere when at all.

The Assembly should long since have sought some more human and useful contribution than camps to the problem of the Palestinians who fled to safety in 1948, expecting to return in the wake of victorious Arab armies. The very great majority of them, in fact, have now long shared the lives, for good or less good, of the population of their host countries. They are "refugees" only for purposes of pressure against Israel. Their personal and financial problems are capable of solution, just as enormously greater population exchanges have been solved in India and Pakistan. The PLO's only interest in the refugee camps has been as a source of recruits.

The presence of PLO representatives at the UN will make peace more difficult at every level. It will obviously make Israel more wary of withdrawing from territory that would then harbour terrorists. Even the murder of an Israeli gone shopping for vegetables in Jenin was probably timed to impress upon the UN Assembly that peace is not possible between Israelis and Arabs. That is what the PLO is trying to prove — and it is scarcely an argument for the UN to foster.

A split Britain faces new elections

"Today, few deceive themselves that there are any easy answers to the economic, and to some extent social, crisis which appears to be threatening the very fabric of British life," Post Correspondent DAVID LENNON writes.

LONDON. — FOR THE SECOND TIME this year the British will be going to the polls in a general election. The indecisive results of the February poll made this inevitable, but there is no certainty that the results after October 10 will be substantially different.

A confused nation spread its votes around earlier this year in such a way as to rob any party of a majority in Parliament. Harold Wilson, who has soldiered on for seven months at the head of a minority government, has now decided that it is time the electorate were given the chance to reconsider their decision and this time return one of the parties with enough seats to be able to rule in this time of crisis. Naturally he believes that Labour stands the best chance of winning.

In the dark days of February, when Edward Heath asked the nation to support him in his head-on clash with the striking coal miners, the problems of the nation still appeared amenable to relatively painless solutions. Today, few deceive themselves that there are any easy answers to the economic, and to some extent social, crisis which appears to be threatening the very fabric of British life.

Key issue

The key issue is inflation. Questions about British membership in the Common Market, Northern Ireland, Scottish and Welsh nationalism are all going to play a secondary role.

In the weeks before the announcement of the election date, all the parties prepared and publicized their programme for handling inflation.

Labour takes a two-pronged approach, one dealing with investment, the other with wage controls. In order to draw investment decisions into the hands of the state, Labour plans to create majority state holdings in all key sectors of the economy. Their declared plans to nationalize development land and take firmer control of North Sea oil meet with general approval, but the more widespread nationalization plans frightens many voters.

'Social contact'

Keeping the wage bill under control is to be achieved not by statutory controls, as were tried by both Labour and the Conservatives in earlier periods of office, but by voluntary wage restraint by the unions. A "social contract" between the unions and the Labour Party has been agreed upon, though somewhat reluctantly, by a few unions. In return for keeping wage demands down, the unions will expect Labour to pass legislation improving the general economic and social position of workers.

The Conservatives' proposed way of dealing with inflation is to encourage investment by showing special — particularly tax — consideration for investors. This will be done at the expense of the smaller earners, probably with large scale unemployment on the side. The Tories say that this is regrettable, but is perhaps the only way to lessen the pains of inflation.

The small and pretentious Liberal Party, which did well in the last election by attracting six million votes, but failed to get a sizeable number of seats, argues for "moderation." On the one hand it rejects nationalization, and on the other accuses the Conservatives of advocating socially divisive policies. Few are convinced that it really has any policy for curing the nation's economic woes.

The election campaign has been going on virtually without a break since the returns were announced in February. Wilson said in announcing this election that nobody really wanted to have two elections in one year, but there was no alternative. There is an alternative available — coalition, but Labour rejected it, and the Conservatives and Liberals couldn't agree on terms for getting together.

Throughout its seven months in office, Labour has carefully tried to implement its election promises while introducing few bills which would really anger those who don't support the party. In the past few weeks the Government has rushed out a series of white papers, outlining their proposals for dealing with a number of important issues such as pensions, land development and the ever contentious question of nationalization. Except in the latter case, few of the proposals caused real offence to the Opposition, while demonstrating to Labour supporters that the party hadn't abandoned its principles.

During these past few months, Labour has not had a chance to effect any profound change in the economy. It has managed to keep strikes to a minimum, while at the same time holding pay awards down to a tolerable level, or granting massive pay rises only to groups with widespread public sympathy, such as a pre-election agreement to boost nurses' wages by up to 50 per cent. Basic food prices have been kept fairly steady by a series of expensive subsidies, and the pound sterling has been kept afloat by overseas borrowing and persuading Arab oil states to deposit money in London.

Skilful display

In general, it has been a skilful display of how to exercise short term options. It does not foretell how Labour will manage to meet the long term crisis and find solutions which won't further divide an already split country.

One of the biggest assets for Labour during these months has been the open disarray shown in Tory ranks. At least two former Conservative ministers have made statements on policy matters contrary to the tradition that only the party leader announces major policy decisions. The Tories have not had enough time to dump Edward Heath and appoint a new leader, nor has Heath had sufficient time to refurbish his image of intransigence which caused him to lose the election he called in February ... even say there is a feeling ... the party that it would be ... lose this election, allow La... struggle with the dreadful e... reality facing the country, a... back in a couple of years ... new leader.

Labour expects to win the ... with a larger number of se... before. The hopelessly in... opinion polls are giving it ... much as an eight per cent le... some of the backbenchers are ... sure, and one of them told ... week he is convinced that ... turns from the October 10 ... differ little from those in Fe...

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson waves to cheering trade union delegates in Brighton this month after announcing that he would lead them into a critical general election in the ... weeks. With him is Lord Alf Allen, president of the 10-million-member Trade Unions Congress.

Dry Bones

An open letter to Archbishop Raya

Dear Archbishop,

I CAN IMAGINE how you feel at the present juncture, but I would venture to ask you to reconsider your decision to resign and return here. By your firm stand you are not only a witness before God and men what it means today to be the shepherd of your flock, defending the sheep from the wolves, but you can also prevent the desecration of God's name.

The Catholic Church, of which you are a member, was throughout the centuries on the side of justice and morality. In the dark days of the Middle Ages it tried to fight against secular pressure and in so-far as it was able to, brought hope for a world of peace and love to the multitude of its believers.

As a Jew, I have always admired the teachings of the Church, which holds that the salvation of the Christian soul depends on moral decisions. This lays a heavy responsibility upon the shoulders of a bishop because he is responsible not only for his own soul, but also for those of the flock. His attitude can decide whether the name of the Church is glorious or ignominious.

This is especially true today, a period of deep crisis for all religions. A right decision will also have practical consequences for the future of the Church. You know that it is erroneous to think that it is possible to gain hearts for the faith by accepting the position of non-believers or yielding to non-Christian pressures. This path does not make the Church impressive to the secular powers, and the members of the Church themselves will abandon the Church if they do not see its intransigence and moral strength.

I know how difficult the situation is today for the members of the Church and I see that some of my friends could not withstand the internal pressure from some elements in the Church—and not only in the matter of the people of Israel—and resigned from their positions as broken men. If this is your situation, no man can ask you to carry a superhuman burden. But even so, test yourself, see whether you can carry it.

I am a Jew, but I am interested in the progress of Christianity for I teach my students to understand the New Testament and early Christianity. I am in contact with many Christian personalities abroad, I am also obliged to read contemporary Christian thought and I know the achievements and failures. Sometimes I cannot avoid reacting against too patent errors, especially if these deviations are anti-Jewish. Often I feel a deep despair when I read these errors, or when I meet an important Christian leader who thinks or speaks in the manner of medieval prejudices or their modern equivalent. In debates in Israel or abroad I have to defend sound understanding against the wild and unjust attacks of politicians and their supporters, who claim to speak in the name of Christian religion, but in their anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli attitude endanger the very existence of the Jews in Israel and indirectly of those abroad. So I feel often a deep disgust, and sometimes it is very difficult for me to stand against the strong and cruel demagogy of such false Christians. And I am aware that today these sinful opinions have more force than they did in the recent past. Sometimes I despair, scarcely able to return to scholarly work. So I can understand from my own experience the feelings of my Christian and Catholic friends who must battle for God and for a Church with a human face. I hope that you are stronger than I, because if you leave the battlefield, despair will grow and many other Jews and a multitude of Christians will suffer a great pain.

One of the central ideas of both Judaism and Christianity is an optimistic hoping for a hope. The special, small hope of us, the Jews in Israel, is that we shall be seen by others not only as Jews but also as human beings. I am surely not wrong when I assume that often the best ally of political anti-Zionism is the old or the new form of Christian anti-Judaism. And I am surely not wrong when I see in all forms of anti-Judaism of the present time the greatest danger for Christianity and for the Church, because Christianity can today renew its forces only when it is deeply rooted, and it is today commonly known that the roots of Christianity are Jewish. A renewal of Christianity from a Gnostic attitude is also not practicable, because Gnostic secular or pagan trends are today far stronger than a Christian anti-Jewish Gnosticism, and these modern Gnostic trends and movements are by their nature and tendency violently anti-Christian. But I am sure that you know all these dangers.

A man who sees his attitude misinterpreted by his close environment believes that he has been abandoned, that he is alone, and then he is near to despair. But this is not your case as a Christian and as a bishop. We all are with you, however you will decide. All the men of goodwill are with you and many will be prepared to help you practically. Very often we do not know the ways of God, but when a man defends a clear case of God, this help is always present and visible. You are in this happy situation and so I and all my friends are with you and will in no way abandon you.

Sincerely yours,
DAVID FLUSSER
Hebrew University, Jerusalem

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Ford's 'hint' to the Arabs

Davar (Histadrut) says the fact that President Ford's warning to the Arab states not to revive the oil boycott was issued at the opening of the U.N. General Assembly would seem to indicate that in Washington's assessment, the relaxation in the sphere of Arab oil is only temporary and partial.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says that the President's statement contain a broad hint that the U.S., which has not yet exploited its food resources as a weapon, will not long tolerate the fact that certain countries are exploiting man's basic resources for their own selfish interests.

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) is convinced that should the Arabs again be tempted to employ the oil weapon, even if only as a means of pressure to speed up solutions, the President's warning may carry deterrent weight.

Ha'aretz (Independent) comments on the National Religious Party's decision to join the coalition. "The way is (and always has been) open for the NRP to join the coalition on the basis of the ground rules laid down at the time of the formation of Mrs. Meir's Government, and any deviation from these rules need obligate none of the other partners in the coalition. The Rabin Government can certainly survive without denying the commitments stemming from the religious pluralism that prevails among Diaspora Jewry, and — to a certain extent — in Israel as well."

READERS' LETTERS

British anti-Semitism

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I do not consider that Mark Segal's article, "British anti-Semitism on the rise" was "utterly misleading," as Sydney Goodman said it was (September 9). The article correctly brought to your readers' attention the change of attitude, in Britain, towards the open expression of anti-Semitic sentiments in the media and in general conversation.

Mr. Goodman went on: "so long as there is a democratic system of government in Britain." What with the probable return of parliament of a certain right-winger, the numerous "private armies" which are being sponsored and the respectable image which the National Front are endeavouring to achieve — especially through the possibility of election broadcasts — this is the very thing which democrats in this country are concerned about today.

In any case, why is Mr. Goodman looking over his shoulder? Why should he be worried about "property speculation or dubious financial transactions by Jews in Britain?" I, as a socialist, consider that such activities by Jews or gentiles are just capitalist activities. But Mr. Goodman knows full well that they cannot be treated as such.

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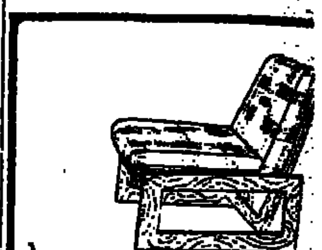

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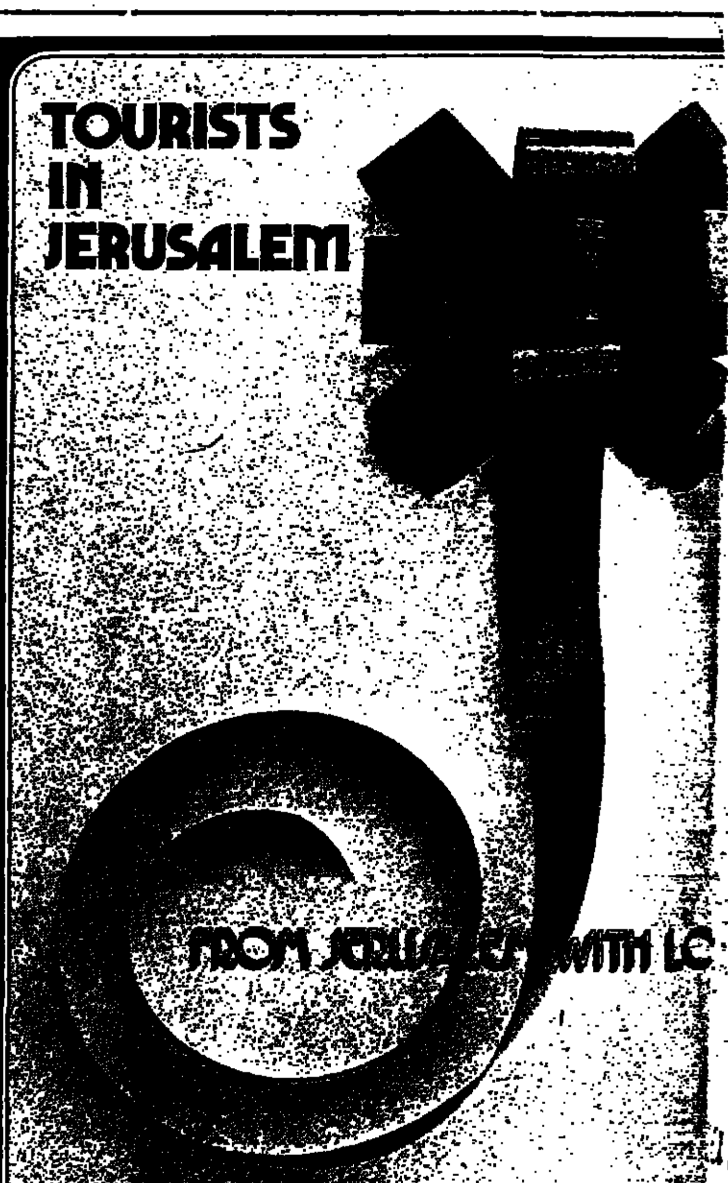

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